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2 women fight over Iggy's body

Mike A says no to younger brod's cremation

By Gil C. Cabacungan

THE WOMEN in the life of Negros Occidental Rep. Ignacio "Iggy" Arroyo are both claiming his remains.

Alicia "Mell" Arroyo, the lawmaker's estranged wife, and her lawyer Lorna Kapunan failed in their mission to bring his body home from London because the director of the mortuary would not turn it over to them.

The director was said to be acting under the instruction of Grace Ibuna, Iggy Arroyo's longtime companion who was at his bedside when he was taken off life support on Jan. 26.

The director allegedly continued to recognize Ibuna as the lawmaker's next of kin because Alicia Arroyo failed to show proof that her marriage had not been annulled.

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Who is Grace Ibuna? / A11

DON'T KILL, LET THEM LIVE That's what environment crusaders are crying out to protect these pine trees inside Camp John Hay which reportedly may be bulled soon to give way to the construction of hotels and summer houses there. John Hay hosts the biggest pine tree reservation in Baguio City.
/ A4 EDITORIAL CARTOON

They're the silver lining behind dark clouds, rainbow after a storm

[Editor's Note: Now on its 21st successive year, the Inquirer's Filipino of the Year honors a living Filipino who made the most positive impact in the past year as voted upon by the editors and assistant editors. Aside from the one most voted upon, the other nominees in the order of their number of votes were Lolit de Lima [some editors have been voting for her the past three years], the Iloilo Filmmaker, Drug-robbut Team, President Aquino [last year's winner], Ankals, Robin Lim, Netizen, Beauty Queens and Mommy "D."]

WERE an artist to piece together a collage of the names and faces of the rescuers, relief workers, volunteers and donors who stood and delivered during and in the aftermath of Tropical Storm "Sendong" and other calamities in 2011, the resulting artwork would look, without doubt, lit from within.

A good heart beating at its core would cause the collage to glow.

There is no master list of the volunteers and donors, none tracking their names, their hours, their deeds or their gifts (in the future, there should be an effort at keeping one). But they were there—when and where they were needed.

It was in the last quarter of 2011 that the most destructive typhoons hit the country. "Pedring" and "Quiel" blew into Luzon in September and October and left 101 dead. The

THEY'RE / A10

'FACE OF FILIPINO CONSCIENCE' Until Lolit de Lima stopped the flight of GMA and her consort Mike A right at the point of departure at the Naia on Nov. 18, 2011, President Aquino's reach heralded

MICE / A11

Girl lost everything but has more to give

By Martin Meneses
Contributor

"PAPAK, just take my sister," 15-year-old Apple pleaded to the vernacular.

She was sure the woman perched above them in the large acacia tree had heard her through the roar of the floodwaters. "I can stay down here, but please take my sister," she added, holding 7-year-old Jenie as high above the churning black tide as she could.

GIRL / A11

Day 1 to 11: Legal points hotly debated and evidence presented

By Raul C. Pangalangan
Columnist

THIS SUMMARY of the impeachment trial thus far of Chief Justice Renato C. Corona is organized around the legal principles and the evidence presented. The legal principles dealt with the points of law established in the course of the proceedings. The factual portion deals with the evidence presented by the prosecution.

From Day 1, they have tussled repeatedly on whether the impeachment trial should be held to the stricter standards of a criminal case, or the more relaxed standards of an administrative case.

The first was when, presiding officer Juan Ponce Enrile, first on his own and later upheld by the Senate 14-6, rejected the prosecution's request to subpoena Corona and his family to testify or produce documents, citing Corona's right against self-incrimination which apply typically but not exclusively in criminal cases. It also cited the family's testimonial immunity based on the rules of

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'Impeachment medieval tool is out gov't official' / A16

'Superman-lawyer' doesn't fly anymore

By DJ Yap

THE AGE of the all-knowing, expert "superman-lawyer" is over, according to Sen. Edgardo J. Angara.

Specialization, aggravated by globalization, "has pushed the great generalists to the side," said Angara in a talk about the future of the teaching of law at the University of the Philippines College of Law on Friday.

UP Law, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year,

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'CJ's intent, not properties, matters'

By TJ Burgonio and Julie Aurelio

WHILE probably terrified of her, the House prosecutors may have found an ally in Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago who thinks there's too much ado over the prosecution's "flip flop" on the number of Chief Justice Renato Corona's properties.

After critics lambasted the prosecution for producing only 21 property documents instead of 45 as they had earlier announced in a press conference, Santiago said the number of properties was not really important.

Regardless of the number of properties, Santiago said the more important issue was whether the prosecution could prove there was "criminal intention" on the part of the Chief Justice not to declare his assets, which would then constitute "proof of a high crime."

"If it appears indicative of a criminal intent, there's no need to go to the other properties. One or two examples would suffice," she said, quickly adding: "Unless he has an expensive acceptable to the reasonable man."

"There is a Latin phrase we often use, 'falsus in unum, falsus in omnibus' (false in one thing, false in everything). If a witness is caught lying on one detail, he has been lying on other details," Santiago said in a phone interview.

The prosecution is attempting to show irregularity in Corona's alleged failure to declare some properties in his statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN).

A lawyer for Corona has maintained that Corona's SALN was "accurately reported."

Defense panel spokesperson Tranquil Salvador also appealed to the public to hold judgment on the embattled magistrate because Corona had yet to present his evidence.

Hold judgment on CJ

"What we are saying is that the SALN was accurately reported ... Don't judge us yet, please, because we have not yet presented our evidence," he said at a forum in Quezon City.

When she appeared on the second week of Corona's impeachment trial, Santiago lambasted the prosecution for their purported lack of preparation and "long rebuttal undercross."

The prosecution came under fire on Day 15 of the impeachment trial after lead prosecutor Rodolfo Rep. Niel Tupas Jr. admitted that they had evidence only for 21 of Corona's alleged properties, not 45 properties as they had earlier declared in a press conference.

SANTIAGO

They ignored the sound of criticisms by asserting that the crux of the matter was whether or not Corona had declared the assets in his SALNs.

Rep. Gregorio Rimanan agreed with Santiago: "Whether 21 or 45 doesn't make a difference. That's not the point. The point is whether he declared them in his SALN. If he did not declare them, that's the problem. He should not be talking arithmetics and splitting hairs here."

After the fists were the inertia. Historian could be would propose at their Monday session that Tupas and his defense counterpart, Serafin Cuevas, brief the senators and the public on the kind of testimony or evidence they would present this week.

Historian also wants to hold Cuevas and Tupas accountable for whatever their respective spokespersons say outside of the subject of their briefings, he said.

"The spokespersons aren't go beyond what the lead counsels have told the court," he said by phone. "If we can agreed here today's marking evidence, maybe we can let the prosecution and lead counsels speak for 3 to 5 minutes at the outset, without giving away their strategies."

Honasan, however, balked at the idea of gagging either the prosecution or the defense. "Sa aming we issue a gag order, do you think we can enforce it? Do you think we can discipline violators of the gag order? We will end up sanctioning or disciplining everybody," he said, chuckling.

'Overzealous' prosecution

Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, who got the prosecution to admit that they had presented evidence for only half of Corona's alleged 45 properties, also observed that the prosecution had been "overzealous" in announcing the information to the public which "they have so far failed to defend" in court. But he agreed with Honasan that there was no need to issue a gag order.

Topping the agenda at the senators' caucus on Monday is the prosecution's request for a subpoena for bank documents pertaining to Corona's accounts, including a dollar account, in two local banks.

Santiago said the senator-judges should be very careful in deciding the matter because of its far-reaching implications on the banking industry and bank secrecy laws.

"The banking industry depends on confidentiality for success. These banks are so successful in attracting depositors from all over the world," she said. She said that in the aftermath of the financial crisis in mainland Europe, Americans moved their accounts to the Philippines, and eventually Singapore.

"We senators should think very carefully about whether we shall exercise to support the law or, the secrecy of bank deposits, or grave an exception at an impeachment trial," she said, pointing out that if the Senate decided to do the latter, the night now has among businessmen and bankers that "other exceptions might be allowed in the future."

She said she would study the matter over the weekend and make her position known on Monday.

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AFP: Military not remiss in acting on rights abuses

By DJ Yap

THE ARMED Forces of the Philippines (AFP) through its Human Rights Office (HRO) met with a representative from New York-based Human Rights Watch (HRW) Friday to respond to the latter's allegations of military involvement in human rights abuses.

In a statement, Col. Domingo J. Tuason, AFP HRO chief, said he told journalist Carlos H. Conde, also the HRW's researcher for its Asia division, that his agency had not been remiss in acting on complaints against military personnel accused of human rights violations.

"For the year 2011, my office has received and documented a total of 69 official complaints that are promptly addressed and reported to the highest authorities," Tuason said.

In July 2011, the independent HRW released a report citing seven human rights violations many allegedly involving AFP members based on interviews conducted in 11 provinces.

Tuason said his office had talked to HRW's Amnon Evans and Blaine Beatson to ask for more information so that it might be able to conduct a deeper investigation. "However, no data was given," the official said.

Due process

"But even so, the AFP is not taking this hands down," he said.

"As a result of investigations initiated by the AFP, two of the military personnel involved in a killing incident in Negros Occidental in June 2010 have been placed behind bars in the Provincial Jail on City Jail," he said.

"We are with the HRW and other independent organizations in putting a just conclusion to these cases but we must bring them to the courts in order to give due process," he said.

Tuason cited Rule 120 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure which states that prosecution could only start when a formal complaint or a sworn statement by the complainant had been filed before the appropriate courts/fora.

"No formal complaints were filed in the cases cited by the HRW in its report therefore prosecution did not commence," he said.

Military justice system

"We go by our military justice system but the AFP is not a prosecutory body. We can only act on the administrative disciplinary actions such as dismissal from the military service and privileges but once an involved soldier goes outside military bounds, the final say will come from the higher civilian court," Tuason said.

The official urged the HRW to work hand in hand with the AFP to stop human rights abuses.

"I am with the HRW to prosecute whosever it is from our organization that violates human rights. The AFP is right there at the helm to cooperate with the proper authorities in bring justice, above all," he said.

Protectors of the people

In the statement, AFP Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Jessie Delfino said: "It is embodied in our DNP (National Peace and Security Plan) Bayanihan that as protectors of the people, we must always promote the protection of human rights and adherence to international humanitarian law."

"This is why we are continuously strengthening our Human Rights Office which has been replicated down to the battalion level to address human rights issues and concerns," Delfino said.

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1st Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7
A Life of Hardship

Job spoke, saying: Man's life on earth is a drudgery, his days are those of a mercenary.

Like a slave he longs for the shade of evening, like a laboring mercenary for his wages.

Thus I am allotted months of boredom and nights of grief and misery.

As bed I say, "When shall the day break?"

On rising, I think, "When shall evening come?" and toss restless till dawn.

My days pass swifter than a weaver's shuttle, heading without hope to their end.

My life is like wind; you will know it, O God, never will I see happiness again.

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23
Duty to preach

I cannot boast of announcing the Gospel. I am bound to do it. Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel! If I preached out of custom, I could expect my reward, but I have been trusted this office against my will. How can I, then, deserve a reward? In announcing the Gospel, I will do it freely without exacting any of the rights given to me by the Gospel.

So, feeling free with everybody, I have become everybody's slave in order to gain a greater number.

With people of unformed conscience I acted as if I were sharing their scruples in order to gain those who are still weak. So I made myself all things to all people, in order to save, by all possible means, some of them. This I do for the Gospel, so that I too have a share of it.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39
Jesus' ministry

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went to the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. As Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever, they immediately told him about her. Jesus went to her and taking her by the hand, raised her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening at sundown, people brought to Jesus all who were sick and those who had evil spirits. The whole town was gathering around the door. Jesus healed many who had various illnesses, and drove out many demons; but he did not let them speak, for they knew who he was.

Very early in the morning, before daylight, Jesus went off to a lonely place where he prayed. Simon and the others went out to look for him, and when they found him they said, "Everyone is looking for you." Then Jesus answered, "Let's go to the nearby villages so that I may preach there too, for that is why I came."

So Jesus set out to preach in all the synagogues throughout Galilee; he also cast out demons.

Reflection

Read:

Mark 1: 35-39: Jesus continues his ministry of healing and preaching. He gets this strength from his daily communion with the Father.

Reflect:

Prayer is the first and last act of a successful. Prayer is not only for the extraordinary but an integral part of the mission. Consumption complements action.

Pray:

Always get burned out because they forget their essential prayer is an ethic necessary. Do not forget to say a prayer before, during and after any activity.

Act:

Find a quiet time to sit in meditation or simply contemplate the presence of God in and around you.

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Palace FOI bill won't require 'pork barrel' info

By Marvin Bundalian

SOME LAWMAKERS online their Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) or pork barrel unit on the list of public interest documents required to be disclosed on the Aquino administration's version of the Freedom of Information (FOI) bill.

Budget Secretary Florencio Abad, a member of the good governance cluster of the Cabinet, said this was because the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) was already disclosing PDAF-related information of House members on its website.

Abad nonetheless said the administration would welcome an amendment to the bill for a more explicit disclosure requirement of the lawmakers' pork barrel.

Undersecretary Abigail Valte, President Aquino's deputy spokesperson, for her part, maintained that the Palace FOI bill still wouldn't exempt members of Congress from having to reveal online their use of their PDAF as the government provisions of the proposed transparency measure would still require them to do so.

"The disclosure of PDAF allotments, obligations and disbursements would fall under the information that the DBM is mandated to be obliged to disclose, as we are in fact already doing under our e-talk program," Abad said in a text message to the bureau.

"But we welcome, as an amendment to the Palace-endorsed FOI bill, a more explicit disclosure requirement on PDAF allocations and uses for the HRM and Congress," he said.

Both Abad and Valte are members of the administration's study group that conducted discussions with government executives, security officials, media professionals and editors stakeholders as come up with a generally accepted version of the transparency measure.

Online pending

Valte said disclosure on the use of pork barrel funds under the Palace's FOI bill fell under the item on annual procurement plans and procurement lists that would have to be posted online.

"It should fall under the general provision for the items in the public interest documents enumeration," Valte said.

Valte, a lawyer, said the mandatory disclosure provisions would require all government agencies to upload on their websites public interest documents or records that include the agencies' annual procurement plans and annual procurement lists.

She added that the proposed bill's definition of government agencies included those in all the branches of government, including the legislature.

Part of a legacy

"Right now, the web site of the DBM[already has this function," Valte said.

In revealing his submission to Congress of his administration's version of the FOI bill, President Aquino indicated that he wanted the FOI's transparency provisions to be a part of his legacy.

"We want every other administration voted into power to work under the same standard of transparency and accountability that we have set for ourselves. This is a significant step toward achieving that goal," President Aquino said on Thursday.

Section 7 of the Palace version of the FOI bill provides for the mandatory disclosure on government web sites of the requirements of assets, liabilities and net worth of the President, Vice President, members of the Cabinet, Congress, the Supreme Court, constitutional commissions and other constitutional offices, and officers of the Armed forces of the Philippines with general or flag rank.

Unlike the lawmakers' use of these PDAF, Section 7 explicitly mentions unutilized retention allowances (RAA) enhancement the list of public interest documents that must be uploaded to the government websites.

The RAA is the share of local government units of taxes collected in their respective areas by the government.

Use of public funds

Under the FOI's mandatory disclosure provision, documents involving the use of public funds would also be required to be uploaded on government websites.

These include the annual budgets of government agencies, itemized monthly collections and disbursements, summary of income and expenditures, use of the internal revenue allotments of local governments, annual procurement plans and procurement lists, items to bid, bid results on civil works, goods and services, abstract of bids as calculated, procurement contracts, construction or construction agreements, private sector participation in agreements or concessions, public bidding as a private entity.

Bilateral and multilateral agreements and treaties in trade, economic partnership, investments, cooperation, and similar binding international agreements, permits or contracts given licenses, permits or agreements for the use of natural resources; statements of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) of public officials; and guarantees given by any government agency to government-owned and controlled corporations, private corporations, persons or entities.

Meanwhile, Bayan Muna party-list Rep. Teddy Casiño said partner ship Malacañang's insult-baby bound FOI bill was nothing but a watered-down version of the FOI measures pending in Congress.

Casiño, principal author of one of the FOI bills filed in the House of Representatives, said the Palace did not offer any new provisions that would strengthen the measure which would ensure the public's right to government information.

He cited for example a provision on the publication of the SALN of all public officials that was already provided for in House Bill No. 121 robots his authorship and filed on the first day of the 15th Congress in July 2010.

Already included

Casiño said that provision, along with another on the mandatory posting on the web sites of government agencies of all documents of public interest and concern, was already included in the FOI bills pending in the house committee on public information chaired by Eastern Samar Rep. Ben Evardone.

"What it really significant in the Palace version is its sweeping down of the FOI by including a long list of 16 exceptions to the measure to include 'records of minutes and advice given and opinions expressed during decision making or policy formulation, invoked by the Chief Executive to be privileged. ," he said.

The lawmaker also said that in the Palace version, information relating to law enforcement and defense had no exceptions, giving police and defense officials very wide leeway in hiding information on violations of human rights and international humanitarian law. With a report from Cynthia D. Balana

Imams refuse to reveal where terror suspects were buried

By Julie S. Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao

DARAMBANGA CITY—Police investigators yesterday came away empty-handed after religious and local leaders in Parang, Sulu, refused to show them the graves of local and foreign terror suspects believed to have been killed in a recent government bomb attack.

"They were not able to convince the imams (Muslim religious leaders) to show them the grave sites. The imams strongly objected to the idea of digging up the cadavers because it's against their religious beliefs," said Senior Supt. Antonio Freyra, Sulu police chief.

Elders of the village of Lanao Dacula, also in Parang town, told police investigators they would be disturbing the dead if they excavated the bodies.

Still, Freyra said, they already know where the bodies were buried...near the site where Philippine Air Force planes dropped bombs on Thursday.

Freyra said one of the imams said there was only one grave which contained five bodies.

Avoiding tension

"The imams said the companions of the slain bandits hastily buried the leaders before fleeing," he said.

"We were hoping to get specimen samples, but we also didn't want to create tension it might (create tension)," Freyra said.

He said police on Friday recovered from the bombing site some specimens "like samples of blood stains, some small pieces of human flesh, patches and some chopped."

Maj. Gen. Noel Coballes, chief of the military's Western Mindanao Command, said the troopers they would have it to the police to investigate the bombing, including conducting DNA tests on the bodies.

Coballes also denied reports the bomb run was conducted on Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) territory.

Near MILF camp

"There are no MILF rebels in the area, but it's near the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MNLF) camp," he said.

The MILF is talking peace with the government. The MNLF, on the other hand, signed a peace agreement with the government in 1996.

Meanwhile, Gov. Ramay exasperated coalition tycoons of civilians leaving been killed in the air strike.

"The bom had long been abandoned," Imampo said.

But Dimampo said a relative of Abu Sayyaf leader Gumbahali Jumchid, alias Ibn Abu, had confirmed the death of the terror leader.

"He died together with one Bangladeshi known as Mamal in a hut that was converted into a makeshift clinic," Dimampo said.

He also confirmed the deaths of Jemaah Islamiyah experts Ashiqah Ashid, alias Marwan, and Abubakar Muhsin, alias Mawiyouth.

Casualty breakdown

"As per verification from more than a couple of sources, including relatives of Jumchid, there were 10 persons within the perimeter of the hut—seven were killed, eight were wounded and the rest managed to flee unscathed," Dimampo said.

He identified the four others who were killed only as Ardan, Mink, Asis and Nobel's.

He said those who survived the bombing buried the dead.

Contrary to military reports, Dimampo said the bombs were dropped on the village of Lanao Dacula, not Dayua Bilaan.

Correction

IN THE FEB. 4 SIDE, a front-page story—"Military names Red terror leaders' bodies in Abu strike"—attributed an erroneous quote to Armed Forces of the Philippines spokesperson Col. Arnulfo Burgos Jr. The quote should have read: "We are expecting cooperation from the (MNLF)"—not MILF. The same error appeared in a breaker in the same story.

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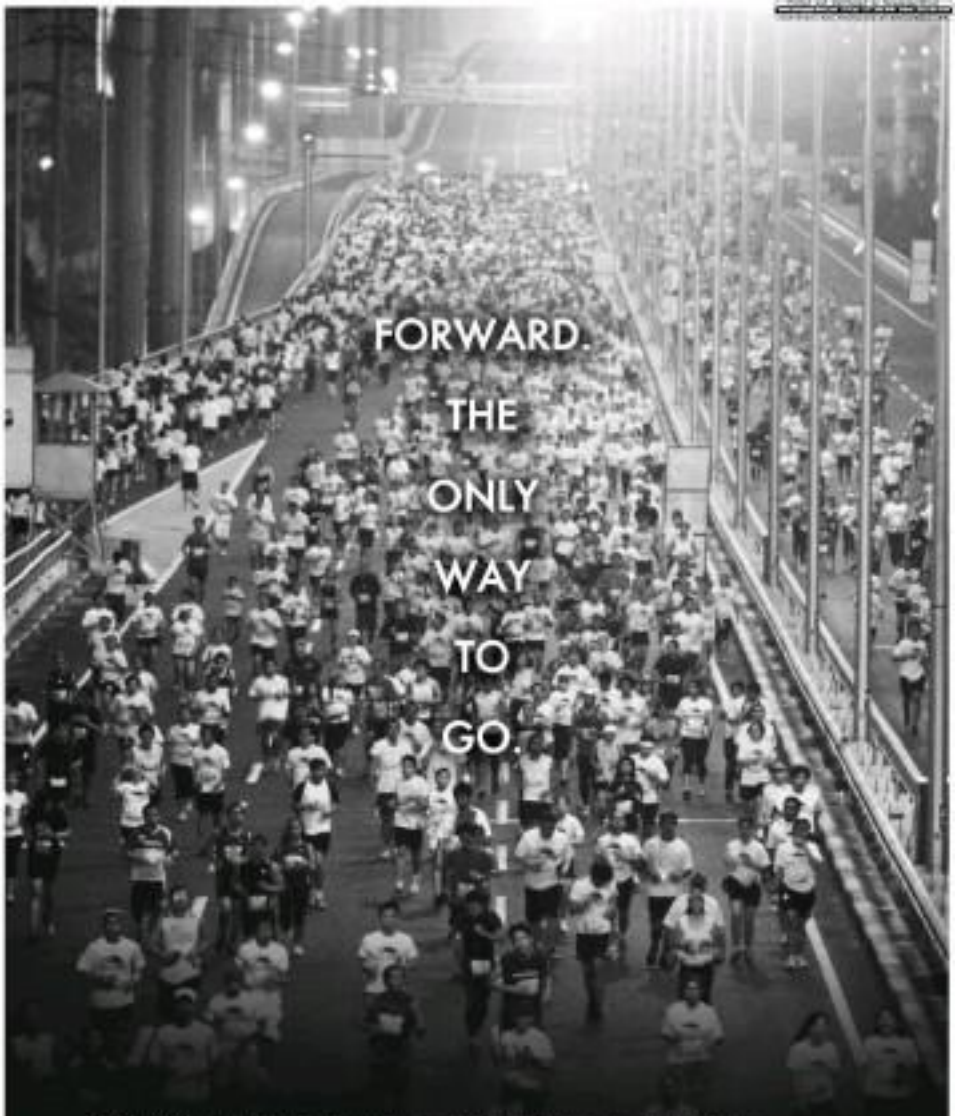

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Llamas given 'slap on wrist' over DVD fiasco

By Norman Bordadora and Nathaniel R. Philcox

MALACAÑANG has "formally admonished" Secretary Ronald Llamas, President Aquino's adviser on political affairs, but allowed him to keep his job even after he was photographed buying pirated movie digital video discs (DVDs).

Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa Jr., by authority of President Aquino, told Llamas in a memorandum dated Feb. 2: "While strictly speaking, the act attributed to you, and which you admitted, is not a violation of the law, the impropriety of the action is without question. It is not an act expected from a public officer."

Ochoa also warned Llamas of more severe sanctions if he committed another act of impropriety in the future.

Ochoa's memo indicated that Llamas' admission of his purchase of the DVDs and subsequent apology contributed to Llamas getting what appeared to be a slap on the wrist.

The publication by the Inquirer last month of a photograph of Llamas apparently buying pirated DVDs triggered calls for Mr. Aquino to fire him.

'Deep regret'

"However, taking into account your expression of 'deep regret' and your candor of an apology you are hereby formally admonished and given a firm reminder that you should, in the future, observe a higher degree of circumspection and discretion even with regard to your private, nonofficial conduct," Ochoa said.

"As a public officer, you would be well advised to act at all times with a high degree of prudence and propriety so as to avoid any possibility, however remote, that your personal conduct may inadvertently result in an erosion of the public's faith and confidence in the administration," he said.

Llamas on Monday apologized to the government "for any difficulty (his unintended embarrassment) his purchase of the DVDs may have caused. He promised to "exercise more care and prudence" henceforth.

Llamas said he had also apologized to President Aquino "for the impropriety and lack of discretion as well as the unintended embarrassment this may have caused the administration."

"I didn't resist the government to expand its energy over a regretful incident and as I submitted to the process that was launched and I am ready to leave the findings and recommendations of the inquiry," Llamas said.

Presidential Spokesman Lacierda said Llamas continued to have his trust and confidence, adding that the perceived offense was not related to his core functions in the administration.

"He still performs the role that he was brought into the Cabinet for. So, therefore, he does enjoy the trust," the President said in an interview with reporters on Wednesday.

Antipiracy campaign

Mr. Aquino confirmed that Llamas apologized to him at Friday's Cabinet meeting "with the guilty look," seemed to underscore the government's antipiracy campaign.

President Aquino said that even with the issue of the purchase of pirated DVDs hanging over him, Llamas continued to give him updates about "ongoing, persistent anti-piracy efforts."

For her part, Aquilina Pimentel Jr. advised Llamas, a long-time friend: Don't even try to buy illegal stuff, even through agents sold anywhere.

"Mawag na kayong bumili ng bootleg na DVD (Don't buy what you already have) supposed na kayo," he said at a roundtable discussion on climate change at the University of Makati on Tuesday.

Pimentel, asked to respond on his comment, told the Inquirer after the forum that Llamas' purchase of counterfeit DVDs at a mall in Quezon City on Jan. 25 was "insensitive on the part of a person that he holds a presidential adviser."

Wrong message

He added that the purchase might not be illegal under current antipiracy laws, but it still sent the wrong message. "It is politically insensitive, and it's not against the law," Pimentel said. "But to appear to condone the production, trading, and selling of illegal DVDs."

Pimentel, who said he got to know Llamas when they fought to topple the dictatorship of former President Ferdinand Marcos, urged his friend to watch his actions carefully.

"I want to tell him to be a little more careful and more vigilant of his actions, as all eyes are on him," Pimentel said. "That's really the nature of the job, especially if you are in the Cabinet of the President. It puts a burden for lesser to your character that can be used to make you look bad."

Even if Llamas had apologized to the President and admitted that he forgot at times that he was "no longer a regular guy," Pimentel said he should still be more circumspect in his actions.

"Thousands of eyes are watching," he said.

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Palace fires customs exec for extortion

By Philip C. Tubeza

MALACAÑANG has dismissed from the government service a deputy commissioner of the Bureau of Customs accused of involvement in extortion activities that victimized a steel company.

In a 13-page order, Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa Jr. ordered the dismissal of Customs Deputy Commissioner Gregorio Chavez for grave misconduct and abuse of authority.

"Furthermore, for respondent Chavez' temporary appointment as Acting Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Customs, is deemed terminated, effective immediately," said the order signed by Ochoa by authority of President Aquino on Jan. 26.

Chavez, the former head of the customs Intercepted Illegal Activities (IIAS) campaign, was also found guilty of "grave misconduct and inefficiency and conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the service."

He was stripped of all benefits and was permanently disqualified from working in government. Chavez said he was going to appeal to the Palace to reverse its decision.

"The charge against me is unfair because it has no legal basis," he said.

Chavez was earlier slapped a 90-day suspension after he got involved in the alleged extortion of the Sanpiro Holdings steel company.

Several BIA members who were linked to the alleged extortion were also ordered dismissed along with Chavez. They included lawyer Christopher Uy Yuan, Edgar Quiñones, Francisco Fernandez, Alfredo Adan, Jose Elmer Sebastian, Thomas Pedro Pañares and Jim Erick Arroyo.

SC affirms guilty verdict on official

THE SUPREME Court has affirmed a Sandiganbayan ruling that found a regional director of the Office of Southern Cultural Communities guilty of malfeasance of public funds to the amount of some P220,000.

The high court's First Division upheld the anti-graft court's guilty verdict on Marino E. Indanag, who was ordered to pay a fine of P196,000 and serve a prison sentence of up to 16 years.

"Under the facts on record, we find no grave abuse of discretion on the part of the Sandiganbayan when it admitted the case for decision and rendered the judgment of conviction on the basis of the prosecution evidence after the defense failed to present its evidence despite ample opportunity to do so," said Associate Justice Gloria Villarama Jr. who penned the ruling.

"Wherefore, the petition (of Indanag) is dismissed. The decision promulgated ... by the Sandiganbayan is affirmed," the high tribunal said.

The Commission on Audit in 1998 discovered that Indanag was involved in the misappropriation of P219,092.75 that was intended for indigenous communities in Mindanao.

"The funds intended for programs for the cultural Dumans Clans Development and to support all other cooperative activities with the tribes advanced but the proposed projects were not implemented," the high court said.

It added that there were no official cash books maintained to record the cash advances and disbursements from the funds allocated to 1998 for livelihood projects. Philip C. Tubeza

Marcos victims hit P-Noy's 'insensitivity'

By Leila B. Salaverria

PRESIDENT Aquino has asked Congress to pass a long list of priority bills of his administration, including the controversial reproductive health (RH) bill, but he has yet to show similar and urgent support for a measure to help the very people for whom his parents had fought, according to rights abuse victims of the dictator Ferdinand Marcos.

The Marcos victims compensation bill should be among those that should have been given priority status, considering that the President's parents were key figures in the fight against the Marcos dictatorship, said the Samahan ng mga Biktima ng Batas Militar sa Dekada'70 (Association of Victims under Martial Law) (Selda).

"We are appalled by the selective sensitivity of President Aquino, a son of a martial law victim, who so fervently prioritizing a bill which facilitates the violation of and anti-political rights through assured access to the Human Security Act, while he has not lifted a finger for Congress to urgently pass the long-awaited martial law indemnification bill," Angie Ipong, Selda secretary general, said in a statement.

The President's father, Senator Benigno Aquino Jr., a fierce critic of the Marcos regime, was brutally murdered upon his return from exile in the United States in 1983.

The assassination galvanized the anti-Marcos movement which culminated in the People Power revolution of 1986 that swept the President's mother, Corazon Aquino, into office.

Earlier, Mr Aquino said he opposed the current Congress to pass his administration's priority bills before his term ends in 2013.

According to Selda, the martial law victims had been waiting for justice for decades, and the President could have lent a helping hand.

"The process of seeking justice and reparation is so tedious and extremely difficult for the victims of martial rule. The victims are now very old, sickly and dying, but the struggle for justice has no end. Pulling strings or a deaf persists of the nation's history must include rendering justice to victims of that era," Ipong said.

Futile effort?

She said the Aquino administration's pursuit of justice would mean nothing if it did not help all the victims.

"Aquino's use of heavenly emblem 'justice' remains empty rhetoric unless concrete measures are undertaken by his administration to render justice for all victims of human rights violations," she said.

Selda has rallied on the House of Representatives and the Senate to fast-track the passage of the pending human rights compensation bill.

Some 7,500 Marcos rights abuse victims received $1,000 in February 2011 to partly fulfill a $2 billion judgment that they won in a class action suit against Marcos' heirs in a United States court in 1995. A US federal jury awarded the money after finding Marcos liable for torture, summary executions and the disappearances of political opponents during his 20-year rule.

The victims have not been able to collect the entire settlement because of disputes over Marcos' properties. The Philippine government maintains that all Marcos properties were stolen from the Filipino people and has fought their distribution to rights abuse victims.

The government has instituted unified Congress to pass a law that would indemnify the victims. A human rights compensation bill pending in Congress seeks to allocate P6 billion in ill-gotten wealth recovered from the Marcoses as compensation for the rights abuse victims.

Selda said the continuing failure to pass the bill has hampered the process of its demobilization.

Marcos firm making money

A CORPORATION once run by associates of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos has raised its revenues by more than 50 percent and cut expenses by 40 percent in the past year, the Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG) has said.

The Independent Realty Corp. (IRC), a group of companies that Marcos associate Jose "Joe Campos surrendered to the government in 1986, earned P972.6 million in revenues in 2011, a 59.6 million jump from its P913.19 million net earnings in 2010.

In its 2011 report filed this week to the PCGG, the IRC also reported that the corporation slashed its administrative costs from P59.05 million in 2010 to P13.97 million last year because of "reforms introduced by the new set of directors and officers."

IRC manages sequestered government property including the disputed 18.6-ha. "Heaven in Pasig" prime property. The corporation told the PCGG that it raised earnings despite "the continuing challenge posed by competing tenants" of the Pasig property.

"For 2012, the IRC Group's new management team will continue its drive to sustain the growth trends to revive businesses and develop new income streams, thus ensuring that its value is enhanced in preparation for its eventual privatization, the accomplishment report cited," said the PCGG.

Since it was handed over to the state, IRC has turned over P511 million in earnings to the Philippine treasury, PCGG said.

Last year, the PCGG recovered some P200.3 million in ill-gotten wealth of Marcos and his associates. It is still pursuing after some P405.721 million in alleged stolen assets under litigation in various courts. Jerry Esplanada

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'Corona trial good for educating people about law'

By Cynthia D. Balana

EVIDENCE beyond a reasonable doubt, clear and convincing evidence, substantial evidence or a mere preponderance of evidence. Legal terms are becoming household words in the Philippines with the ongoing impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona.

"The nice thing good about the impeachment trial is it's an educational process for those who are not too familiar with the law and the Constitution," Ateneo Rep. Jose Edgardo Angara told the Inquirer.

"The nice thing about it is that when I walk around my district, the kids shout out to me, 'Ohjayeeee, your honor!' So I hope it would also bring more decent people into the legal profession because we really need not just more lawyers but more good lawyers," said Marikina Rep. Romero Quimbo.

Both Angara and Quimbo, however, said that the legalese could be used in two ways—to bring out the truth or to suppress it.

Simplify proceedings

Angara said the panel of spokespersons for both the prosecution and the defense in the impeachment trial and the media must simplify the proceedings in a language understood by the masses, who sometimes find it hard to grasp what is essential and what is not in the proceedings.

The son of Tarpeding during the impeachment trial and outside the court, he said, helped a lot in explaining the proceedings to the people and raised their legal questions.

Grasp the meaning

"I think on the whole it's good. Everybody's talking like lawyers, even the children now. It's good, but on a deeper level we must also grasp the meaning of impeachment," he stressed.

He said the Corona trial teaches the public about the quality of evidence and testimony that knowledge of anything must always be personal.

Quimbo said it would be sad if the impeachment process would just result in the acquittal or declared guilt of the Chief Justice.

"I think it should be an educational process for everybody to teach them that the justices of the Supreme Court may be the gods of [Public] Siena [Street] but they are not the law," Quimbo said.

Quimbo said it was "sad and disappointing" that the impeachment process had become almost akin to a criminal court proceeding which would alienate the people.

Interest of the defense

"That's precisely why we got criticized by the defense. It is in the interest of the defense for the people to learn understand the situation... If you throw in all the legal gobbledygook, people are going to get confused with the smokescreen that they raise. Believe me, it is to their interest," Quimbo said.

Whatever the result, Senator Judge Pete Echa Cayetano said the impeachment trial can lead to stability in lieu of extra-constitutional options.

"In our case, I believe it does cause controversy but it does give us a sense of stability because there are laws parameters wherein you can hold people accountable," he said.

Getting participation

Cayetano said the question was how to get more people to participate.

He said American scholar Charles Black Jr. had described the role of the people in an impeachment process as that of "vigilant waiting."

Cayetano said that with the emergence of digital communications, social networking and micro blogging, people suddenly have venues in citizens practically everyone and that way why a is important that they also have the same amount of information as the senator judges have.

"It's also good because it gets ordinary people who are not political junkies suddenly drawn in because it is of national interest and it touches their lives," the senator said.

Lapid's query

Cayetano said that when last. Lito Lapid took the floor last week to clarify the difference between a loan and a cash advance, people laughed but it was a valid question from someone who is not an expert on law.

Simple questions

"People like Senator Lapid should actually speak their minds more because many of our people have simple questions and simple... to seek to better results," Cayetano said.

"Sometimes, it is the lawyers and the powerful who actually complicate things too much," he added.

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'DepEd's K+12 good for foreign firms'

By Tara Quimundo

THE GOVERNMENT'S flagship education program that would extend the basic education cycle by two years seems to be geared toward supplying "semi-skilled workers at cheap labor" for foreign firms, not a genuine mission of college schools said.

The College Editors Guild of the Philippines (CEGP) said the Department of Education's (DepEd) K+12 (Kindergarten to 12) program, which would add two years of senior high school to the current 10-year education cycle, may dismantle—rather than boost—the qualifications of the graduates.

Cheap labor

"The objective of K+12 is to produce semi-skilled workers as cheap labor for the multinational corporations to exploit. With the cheapness in terms of economic status, majority of the people are most willing to enter into jobs no matter how dangerous or short lived," the CEGP said in a statement on its website.

The K+12 program is a reform plan that would institutionalize public school kindergarten for better preparation of early learners, decongest the elementary and high school curriculums and introduce two high school levels for specialized training in vocational skills, agriculture, sports, music and the arts, among other employable skills.

World levels

The program seeks to bring Philippine education up to world levels, which has 12 years of basic schooling as a global standard. Only the Philippines, Angola and Djibouti continue to have a 10-year basic education cycle, the DepEd has said.

The DepEd envisions the program to give high school graduates more options after graduation: To start working as qualified high-school graduates or to continue on to college. With K+12, Filipino students would finish high school at the employable age of 18.

The new curriculum conveniently in the weeks also focuses on the use of English as medium of instruction—a politically charged issue since the system would be institutionalized to the public schools.

But the CEGP said Philippine education had become entrenched in the service industry to answer for other nations rather than honing professionals for the country.

"The Philippine education system deviates from its objective of producing professionals to uplift the progress in this country," the CEGP said.

'Overrated solution'

Saying that K+12 was an "overrated solution" to the poor state of Philippine education, the CEGP instead called for a nationalist education system which will serve the country's demands and not those of foreign corporations."

Despite for consumers, the DepEd said the program was designed to protect Filipino graduates from abusive employers by equipping them with better qualifications.

Better preparation

"With the proper qualifications and recognized certifications, graduates would be best prepared to exploit their employment opportunities here or to emigrate to other countries," the DepEd said.

"They will also have better skills and preparation to not just limit their future in employment options but to actually start their own enterprises where they graduate at the age of 16," the DepEd said.

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PH first to use new oral cancer detecting technology

By Julie H. Aurelio

A NEW TECHNOLOGY used to scan mouth lesions can now be a life-saving tool to detect possible oral malignancies.

With a 95-percent accuracy rate, the instrument will be used in the country ahead of its other Asian neighbors to detect and cure oral cancers in their early stages.

Called "OralAdvance," the scanning procedure entails both cytological and DNA analysis that provides results as quickly as in five days.

"Now the first time, we can now for years ahead in detecting oral cancers so we can now examine lesions even before they become malignant," Dr. Michael Angan of the Philippine Medical Association (PMA) said.

The PMA, along with a foreign medical firm and visiting doctors, yesterday launched the "OralAdvance" detection procedure to mark World Cancer Day.

Noting that the technology would be first used in the Philippines, the PMA said it planned to screen hospitals and dental clinics that would scrape samples off patients' mouths and send them to a central laboratory in Cavite for testing.

It said that the St. Dominic's Medical Center in Bacoor would be the first laboratory with other testing laboratories planned to service northern Luzon provinces and Metro Manila.

"This will be a tool that can help in early detection.

Unlike a biopsy, this is virtually painless and will only take three minutes," Angan said.

The scraped tissue from the lesions will be examined through exfoliative cytology to determine which cells are normal and through DNA analysis.

Dr. Roland de la Rosa said the procedure was similar to a pap smear, a routine screening cancer screening for women.

"It is possible to see the early changes in the mucosa, so it will be so easy so checking your mouth when you say oh! see your trip to the dentist," he said.

Risk factors that can lead to oral cancer are tobacco smoking, pollution, second-hand smoke and human papillomavirus.

Angan said that at P2,800 per test, the method was a cheap price to pay for early detection of cancers of the mouth.

He added that the samples would be transported by a courier, providing results deemed 95 percent to 99 percent accurate. In addition, he said, the results would also be examined by a pathologist.

"The earlier we detect cancer, the better the chances for a cure. It is preventable," Angan said.

A Gordon named to SBMA

PRESIDENT Aquino has appointed Ann Marie Gordon, a former vice governor of Zambales, to the board of the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority (SBMA).

Gordon is the wife of Olongapo City Mayor Jerry Gordon and a sister-in-law of former Sen. Richard Gordon.

Deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte said Gordon was appointed to the SBMA board of directors as the representative of Olongapo City.

She will be replacing Rolando del Rosario for a term that will expire on Aug. 17, 2013.

Valte said the appointment papers had been sent to SBMA chair Roberto Garcia.

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2 women fight over Iggy Arroyo' s body

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Bocaue mayor Eduardo Villanueva, a relative of Ignacio, said he was also worried about the safety of Ignacio's family.

"I'm worried for the safety of Ignacio's family, especially his children," Villanueva said.

Villanueva said he was also concerned about the safety of Ignacio's family, especially his children

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Something fishy

EDITORIAL

THE IRONY would be funny if it weren't so disheartening. Galunggong or round scad, the poor Filipino's fish, is now imported. Ever since President Corazon Aquino chose its daily price as the economic indicator of the state of the impoverished Filipino's everyday way of life, galunggong has been an ubiquitous part of our lexicon. Playfully nicknamed "GG," galunggong has since been used by other politicians for the same purpose.

Cooked several ways, galunggong is an extremely popular ingredient in Filipino kitchens due to its relative affordability and ready supply, as in the past it was abundant in Philippine waters and easily found itself in many Filipino fishermen's net at the end of the day.

But now in the presidency of another Aquino—Corazon's son Benigno (B—the once Filipino of fishes is being imported in eye-popping numbers. While fish continues to make up a huge 80 percent of the Filipinos' daily intake of animal protein (the average Filipino eats 28 kilos of fish every year), the local supply of galunggong, among other fish, has dwindled to the point that it can no longer meet local market demand.

This was what the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources stated when it announced in a forum that the country is now importing large numbers of galunggong from China and Taiwan, part of the 900,000 metric tons of fish now being imported by the Philippines. Atty. Perry, director of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), said that the local market has been opened to imported fish because the domestic fish catch has been declining. Most of the fishing areas are heavily fished and "need to be fixed because there is an indication of a decline," Perry said.

But the imported fish are exclusively for institutional buyers like processing plants, Perry continued. How come a large number of the imported fish are finding their way into the Philippine wet markets? "There is a leakage," Perry confirmed, adding that the BFAR is now going to go after erring importers who had diverted imported fish, such as galunggong, into the local wet markets: "[Importers] are supposed to use imported fish only to their store facilities, either they supply canneries or plants, or institutional buyers like restaurants. It is prohibited to their franchise or permit to sell or divert these to the wet markets."

The imported galunggong is bought at a cheaper price than its locally sourced kind, and since it's virtually impossible to distinguish one from the other, they are practically sold almost at the same price which is still steep by the poor Filipino's standards. Which tells us that the sale of imported fish in local wet markets, which has been going on unabated and unchecked, is not helping ordinary Filipinos at all.

While it is the Department of Agriculture's and BFAR's mandate to ensure a steady supply of fish in the market for the Filipinos' daily use, they also must look into helping the fishermen whose livelihood is being threatened by the dwindling supply of fish in Philippine seas. What are they doing to help these fishermen, now steadily falling into poverty due to reduced catches and nonexistent wages while the prices of practically every basic commodity is rising? How did things get this bad? Where were they all the while?

Agriculture Secretary Proceso Alcala has echoed the need to formally open the nation's markets to fish imports. The agriculture department has noted a terrible drop in the performance of the fisheries subsector: "Commercial and municipal fish catch declined due to overfishing, illegal fishing, and rough seas and strong winds during the second semester caused by several typhoons."

Most important among the BFAR's proposals to help the fishermen is a proposed quota on the importation of fish. As ludicrous as it sounds, there is no such quota currently in place, meaning importers can bring in as many metric tons of fish as they wish. "As long as they past phyto-sanitary inspection, they can come in. That is why we want to put a quota, a cap," Perry said.

We have now come to the point where the relationship between fish, fishermen and the fish-eating Filipino has come to nearly apocalyptic status. What the situation reveals is the need for President Aquino's administration to pay serious attention to the rapidly deteriorating state of Philippine fisheries and the sad state of the Filipino fisherman, something that only came up because the poor Filipino can no longer afford the poor Filipino's fish, something that really smells fishy.

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PUBLIC LIVES

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MANY HAVE correctly noted that Chief Justice Renato Corona is being tried in two venues: in the Senate convened as an impeachment court, and in the mass media serving as the court of public opinion. Some find this situation unacceptable, believing that prosecutors or guilt must be based solely on the law and the evidence, and not on what the public may think. They consider it intolerable that the merits of a case are being discussed inside and outside the court.

But others contend that public discussion of the case is unavoidable precisely because in an impeachment trial, those who sit in judgment are not ordinary judges but elected representatives of the people who cannot afford to ignore public opinion. Accordingly, they say, the task of the impeachment court is not so much to decide whether a specific law has been broken or not but whether, in the light of the evidence, the public official in question must be removed from the position or not.

As I have written in previous columns, there is no way of bringing these two positions together. They are two separate bases of constituted action. Impeachment lies at the boundary of these two communication systems—politics and law. Both are legally constituted spheres, but between the two, it is in the sphere of law where clear rules, detailed rules and procedures. Those who enter its portal are bound by its stringent rules of communication that often clash with the norms of everyday interaction. Though like a regulated artistry, politics enjoys greater latitude in the way it is conducted.

But to appreciate the crucial difference between law and politics, it may be useful to think of them as ways of observing. They are guided by separate criteria. What is important to one may be a matter of indifference to the other. What one embraces is precisely the other's forbidden fruit. Strange "worlds" they may seem to the novel, every sphere tends to think of its own way of seeing as the only valid way to see things.

Law operates by the binary code legal/illegal, and its validation, both illicit, pertains to court personalities. We often hear the Senate impeachment court's presiding officer, Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, declaring something "allowed" or "disallowed," "admissible/inadmissible," or "relevant/irrelevant," just before he bangs the gavel. That is his way of saying that a question, an objection, or an offer of testimony or evidence, is or is not in accord with the rules. The rules are there not only to facilitate communication, or to organize evidence from allegations but, more important, to protect the rights of the accused and of other persons who are not party to the litigation.

Politics, on the other hand, is guided by an entirely different code. Although it cannot ignore the law, its way of seeing is oriented primarily to consideration of power—how to gain and retain it, what will enhance it, or what may subvert its use it. This way of observing politics may sound disparaging when compared to the rubric that the political system invokes when it describes its operations...legitimacy mandate, the national interest, constitutional duty, and so on.

Neither law nor politics, in fact, is more important than the other. Both are vital to society's functioning. Law stabilizes expectations about acceptable behavior that is especially crucial in societies rent by moral diversity. Politics, on the other hand, enables society to override its divisions so as to arrive at collectively binding decisions. Law proceeds in its purposive sphere guided unconditionally except it as a guide to conduct. Politics proceeds when its processes and decisions honor the limits need to resort to force. Law needs politics to legitimize its operations, without having to appeal directly to the public. And politics needs law to regularize its processes.

Unwittingly, this social division of labor works best when institutional roles are sharply delineated. Politicians make and implement the law, judges apply the law—each by their own respective lights. The problem arises when these roles overlap, as in an impeachment proceeding. Senators, who are politicians, suddenly are wearing public opinion. On the other, as judges, they are expected to abstain.

We are not really strangers to this modern dilemma. Answers sometimes had themselves inescapably engaged in formulating a political function. One of the most explicit attempts to articulate a judicial philosophy that directly addresses this problem was made by former Chief Justice Antonio Pangandiman, now an incumbent committee. Justice Pangandiman distinguished between the value of liberty and the goal of prosperity. He said that under his leadership, he would see to it that the high court shall exercise its power of judicial review in such a way as not to interfere with the government's agenda to attain prosperity. But, on matters of liberty, he said, the Court will zealously check government. That is a good rule of thumb. If significant liability requires for politics, even though taxes brought to the high court are not always so clearly demarcated.

What this implies is that while there may be two trials going on, the one that will spell the real difference to the fate of Chief Justice Corona is the one that will be held in the halls of the Senate. Senators may be politicians, but when they play the role of judges, the electorate expects them to abide by the norms of fairness that apply to any court. They must keep an open mind. They must weigh the evidence in relation to only one question: Will it be in the nation's best interest to remove Renato Corona from his office as chief justice of the Supreme Court?

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Prayer time

MOMENTS

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THE STORY is told about a father who told his son: "Son, I am sorry if I was a bit too hard and harsh on you whenever I disciplined you when you were young. I remember you were so much attached. You just locked yourself up in the toilet and cried."

"Yes, I remember too, Dad. The toilet was my refuge. And I'm sorry too, Dad, for using your toothbrush to clean the toilet whenever I was inside." was the son's reply.

In today's Gospel (Mk. 1, 29-39) we learn Jesus' secret refuge: "Rising very early before dawn, He left and went off to a deserted place, where He prayed." In the thick of grinding spades and Rockbuffer, Jesus did not seize Gentile glow comments with this Father. He knew how to retreat, recharge and renew in prayer.

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Someone once said that Jesus cannot make you sin, he will just make you very busy until you can no longer pray, and that, for him, is already a victory. Our biggest downfall is when we no longer take time for make time to pray because we are too busy. Prayer time is prime time!

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Jesus' whole life was a constant letting go and letting God. He did not, in so say, all on His heart's, nor did He bank in His fame and popularity. He moved on to other villages to do His mission. And He moved out from the crowd and even from His disciples when it was time for Him to communicate with His Father in prayer. Sometimes we begin to move our lives our true center. Prayer makes us focused, brings us back to what is basic, and removes from us illusions and delusions.

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Every night, many of us charge our cell phone batteries before we sleep. If only we were as steadfast and conscientious in charging ourselves in prayer as the day's end! Alas, many of us are so religious in taking our morning coffee and in getting our morning updates from the newspaper, radio or TV. If only we were as religious in spending some time for prayer and meditation at the day's beginning!

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On a personal note, I always begin and end my day with prayer. The first memories after I wake up are spent on my knees in prayer. The last memories before I sleep are also spent on my knees in prayer. When we kneel, we know who we are, and we know who God is. When we bend our knees, everything falls into place.

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Let me share with you my favorite prayer: "Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus Mary, I love you!" Say this prayer with as much trust and with as much love, and you will experience peace. It is such a simple, but an amazing prayer.

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Bertolt Santos, brother Fr. RJ Santos, SVD, our Filipino missionary working in Japan, texted me last Jan. 26, 2012, how he whispered the prayer "Jesus, I trust in you. Jesus Mary, I love you" into the ears of his brother Reginald who was unconscious due to multiple stroke and heart attack. He kissed his hand and just kept repeating the prayer. To and behold, the next day, Reginald was conscious. He was even singing. And he will be discharged from the hospital this week. Yes, prayer is powerful!

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When I was younger, I thought I could "fix" things, and get things done with sheer wisdom or hard work. Older now, and hopefully wiser, I know that there are a lot of things I can't fix, so I just say to the Lord: "Today I can't fix it. Please fix it for me. Amen."

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Feb. 11 is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is also the World Day for the Sick. We express our solidarity, and we offer our prayer for those who need physical, emotional and even spiritual healing. We pray also for those who are involved in the care and support of the physically, emotionally and spiritually sick.

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Those who go through any form of sickness or illness experience God in a very real way. Moments of sickness are moments of encounter. Jesus says, Yes, in everything that happens to our lives, there is a reason. And there is a lesson.

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"My suffering is my offering." May those who go through any form of suffering find meaning and comfort in the thought that they can become sanctified for others. I.e., their sufferings can become a source of tremendous blessings for others.

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Remember the ancient character Popeye? Remember how he becomes strong whenever he eats his spinach. Remember the song? "I'm strong to the finish, 'cause I eat my spinach. Popeye the sailor man!" Let Popeye remind us that we need prayer to keep us strong, and we can defeat whatever "Bruno" that comes our way if we know how to pray.

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Please be reminded that when you get too busy and it seems that everyone is looking for you, don't forget that the Lord is also looking for you! Something is wrong, something will go wrong if you become too busy and you put God on the side and at the periphery.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, remind me to make prayer time prime time in my life. Amen.

Speeding up the impeachment trial

WITH DUE RESPECT

Antonio U. Pangyarihan

SENATE PRESIDENT Juan Ponce Enrile asked the prosecution and the defense to speed up the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato C. Corona.

Some ways to speed up. In a nutshell, I think the parties can shorten the proceeding by stipulating on the authenticity of certified true copies of public records, like certificates of titles, income tax returns, deeds of sale kept in the custody of books, etc. Supreme Court decisions published in the Philippine Reports need not be authenticated. Certified true copies of acts issued that are not yet published in the Philippine Reports, like Chief Justice Corona voted in those decisions could easily be shown by the decisions themselves. No need to wonder.

Of course, if his ethical conduct is at issue, as when he allegedly discussed with Lians Viscosio and Dante Tinga the pending Supreme Court case that is a subject of impeachment, that is another matter.

Since a finding of guilt is one outside of impeachment is enough to oust the respondent, the prosecution could also save time by relying on three or four articles and leaving the rest. In fact, the Senate itself (after following Sen. Ralph Recto's proposal to limit the defense witnesses to those testifying on matters not yet covered by the prosecution) could also stop further presentation of evidence if in its opinion it could already render judgment on the basis of the evidence at hand.

Degree of proof. One question that probably might be raised is the question of the degree of proof needed to convict. Should it be "beyond reasonable doubt" like judicial standard used to decide criminal cases; or mere "preponderance of evidence" (used in civil cases); or "substantial evidence" (used in administrative cases)?

Degree of proof. I think, need not be answered because an impeachment is not a judicial case. Thus, it should not be decided according to judicial standards but according to Senate norms. If the Senate, senior wanted judicial standards to be used, then it should have lodged impeachment cases in a judicial body, like the Supreme Court. Also, it should have limited membership to the impeachment tribunal only to experienced jurists with previous experience in applying these standards.

But the Constitution allowed even non-lawyers to decide impeachment cases. As I wrote on Jan. 3, an impeachment is *sui generis*; it is unique and is not comparable to any other proceeding. Since the Senate was granted the sole power to decide impeachments, it stands to reason that the Chamber of its own free will can also decide to limit or to expand whatever standard they deem proper, in his 19 interviews, Senate President Enrile said this much.

Simple UP systems. In the United States from where our Constitution derived its concept of impeachment, the U.S. Senate—when acting as an impeachment court—does not get judicial assistance. Thus, the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton did not even undergo the tedious hearings that are now being conducted here. The prosecutors, defense counsels and senators did not examine witnesses as they do here.

More significantly, the trial took only five weeks. The US House of Representatives filed the complaint on Dec. 16, 1998. The Senate started its hearings on Jan. 7, 1999 and handed down its judgment on Feb. 12, 1999.

The proceedings were simple. Only three witnesses, Monica Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan and Sidney Blumenthal, gave oral testimony. And they did not even testify before the entire Senate. Their oral depositions were merely taken and then reported in writing and in video clips to the entire Senate. While Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr present-

ed 36 boxes of evidence before the US House, the documents were no longer authenticated in the Senate. And yet, no one complained of any violation of due process. Neither was there any attempt to get the US Supreme Court to intervene.

During the Senate hearings, the senators were then questioned by the House "managers" (they were not called "prosecutors"). These questions were publicly read aloud by Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who presided over the hearings since the US president was on trial. By the way, the senators did not want to be called "jurors;" they were addressed as regular senators.

After hearing the closing arguments, the senators voted in secret. Clinton, then if some senators believed he was guilty, they thought that the two articles of impeachment (lying under oath about his sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky; and, obstruction of justice) did not amount to treason, bribery or other high crimes, which are the grounds for impeachment under the US constitution. So, they did they involve his fitness or qualification to be president. Unlike here, betrayal of public trust itself is not a crime; it is not a ground in the United States.

The senators voted heavily on the public opinion polls showing that Clinton continued to enjoy robust public approval despite his much publicized impeachment. Otherwise stated, the people who were their principals wanted to retain Clinton despite his sexual dalliance.

It is also interesting that our Senate says exactly the UP procedure. All I am saying is that (1) our Senate has wide latitude to control and shorten the proceeding without running afoul of due process; (2) judicial standards need not be used in judging an impeachment; and (3) as the people's other representatives have wide discretion in deciding whether the respondent is still fit and qualified to continue occupying the highest judicial office in the land.

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Empty houses

I WRITE this one Saturday in February, on a week when the crime stories have hosted their way into the daily news: a bank invocation in spite of the impeachment of the Chief Justice. This is Manila, where private premier here and current and the enemies to the souls who watch the crowd of the Black Nazarene.

The sun burns but here, melts the skin off electric poles and strikes bright strikes against steel. A man runs over her girl, smashes into her standing body, then stabs her with a knife and runs over her again. A 16-year-old girl is raped and killed by teenage boys, and they smile for the cameras from behind bars. In the country's premiere university, a graduating student is assaulted by robbers in the student's own dormitory, her skull fractured by a trophy slammed against her head.

METHOD TO MADNESS

Patricia Evangelista

Many things are stolen here. Like laptops off coffee shop tables. Or mobile phones from the inside pocket of a boy sitting a mile. Or the bag off an old lady's shoulder while she stands waiting for her husband in front of a posh Ortigas mall. Here are the things that are stolen: sugar cubes and carts of sugar saving, copper as precious that sometimes the electricity does on January mornings because young men have gone the night stripping the lines. Lady in the rear, the head of a bronze sculpture is stolen from the tombs of a cancer's tombstone. The body is abducted weeks later from the inside of a sculpture missing its shin. It takes four men to lift it, and a quarter of a million to replace it. Monuments to heroes lose their ornaments. The revolutionary is left without his head, the mayor site by the bay reading an invisible newspaper.

People are stolen too. In Tawi-tawi, a man drives off a fishing boat on the way to Sulu, after he kidnapped, along with a pair of his passengers, one on a motorcycle back. At least one man still boy is taken from the Luzonbrow where his Daddy lies bleeding from knife wounds.

This is not a story about dead boys and girls, although there are many, or about desperation, or even about what it implies when the roads of a semi-land mounds in the most university capitals at the addition of a single security guard in Mission Hill. Instead this is a story about the price being paid by a country where the single national interest has been defined by politicians as the things inside blue-carpeted rooms on the second floor of a building in Pasay City where men in suits sat eloquent over the evils of corruption and the benefits of public service, while the same public discourse hunger does not rate who betrayed who.

Whether or not the impeachment is necessary is no longer a point of argument. It is there, and must be completed in the most orderly and correct manner possible in an attempt to progress to some semblance of judicial respect after the process ends. But the debate has become a question of persecution and defense right over whether a theorist is a reductive and whether a lying Chief Justice is a Chief Justice who betrayed the public trust. Talk are left on back lawyers, a population without construction bulletins, and the Pabst claims that although construction is a problem, poverty is not.

Somewhere in the middle of this, there is a country that God forgot, and good men walk the streets willing to not threaten for food. The 2011 GDP has dropped down more than 1 percent, and even with more jobs available, the number of job seekers has ballooned, and the President and men he had put and peace starting in his very own Bonpensiones have been known to put the practical necessary to the political.

The text stretches on: Quezon, Iloilo, Aurora, Ilocos Norte, Isabela and Cavite have lost their representatives. Old men with grievances are forced to troop to the Senate in the hope of catching a few seconds with the men they voted into power. The expenses of the impeachment court are paid in our jobs and their rights on interviews, while a process that could have run the same 19 days of the Bill Clinton impeachment stretches to months.

It took three full weeks for one of eight articles of impeachment to reach its vague conclusion. It takes the senators judging the case to sit in session for a single afternoon, yawn, spread with long, tedious and often unnecessary attacks on a prosecution that took a day to pass the articles of impeachment and weeks to explain it. The merits of the case are buried in technicality and embroidery. A hundred witnesses are slated for examination, although the prosecution claims they don't intend to present all—another stalling mistake of hers will the prosecution submitted together its case for the conviction of Chief Justice Renato Corona.

I write this in February, a month where the sun outside the Senate burns hot, and the gallery is filled with a confused citizenry bundled in denim jackets against the freezing cold. There is much I do not understand about the nature of the session and the workings of government, and about how the prosecution hopes to prove crimes of bad intentions. Perhaps there are undercurrents that cannot be seen from the public gallery, perhaps some of the stupidity is a result of tensions about by themselves and all the day news reports will uncover that their cooks spats and lawyer cats and discovery that are not always practical in the name of physical and their daughters. This is the opening act, only the actors have gone off script, the director is on leave, and the audience has gone home to look their doors for the night.

Breaking out of denial

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WHILE THE Department of Health currently appeals on an annual budget of P60 billion, the total annual expenditure for smoking related illnesses (sickness, lung diseases and the causes for consequences, may amount to lower productivity, absenteeism and loss caused by equivalent to) P400 billion.

Should Congress pass the "sin taxes" law, which would impose higher taxes on cigarettes, among other things, the government would be able to raise an additional P60 billion in revenues, money which could go a long way towards tackling smoking related illnesses.

As they say, "You do the math."

Dr. Antonio Leachon, a consultant on non-communicable diseases of the DOH, with the DOH, presents these figures as part of his advocacy to counter arguments about the need to move from a mentality of "treatment and cure" to one of "prevention," which in the long run is cheaper and more effective.

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At the top are tobacco-related illnesses, Leachon said, speaking at the conference of "Strong on Otis," a conference billed as "A Global Call to Action for a Public-Private Partnership for Cancer Care and Control."

Dr. Leachon also called "lifestyle diseases," and apart from an unhealthy diet and lack of exercise, Leachon singled out smoking as a culprit. Science has already documented the link between smoking and a number of diseases, but as Leachon points out: "We know it's bad for our health and yet smokers allow themselves to suffer and die premature-ly—this is really absurd!"

The sin taxes would, in theory, impose higher taxes on cigarettes and make them more expensive, putting tobacco out of reach of the young and the poor, the population most vulnerable to NCDs and "health time" and long term. Studies have shown that if legislation, which would require the use of "graphic" warnings on the health risks of smoking in cigarette packs—already in place in neighboring countries—would also help bring down the number of smokers and prevent more young people from

taking up smoking.

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BUSINESS together the different sectors involved in health care, specifically in fighting cancer, is the goal of "Moving as One." Dr. Cecile Llave, chair of the conference, explained that although each group has specialize in specific areas of the body, there is a need to move from "one organ to the whole body," and from involving just the medical community to all other sectors involved in health care and health promotion.

To this end, speakers at the conference came from a wide range of experiences: cancer survivors, cancer activists, specialists, nurses, med-arves, barangay health workers, community organizers, the media, and of course government officials. Health Secretary Enrique Ona delivered the keynote address.

Dr. Ana Lisa Magsaysay-Alfiqala, who spoke on "Being Idealistic" which is a community-based breast cancer initiative, put it: "I can see all the ugly stars of the cancer community in the room!"

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IRONIC the conference, much emphasis was laid on prevention—the promotion of a healthy lifestyle and of wellness that is, as Leachon wrote in an article, "not only about what goes on in a doctor's office. It encompasses workplace wellness programs, community-wide wellness programs, including bike paths and walking trails, giving pack food out of school schools, making school breakfasts and lunches more nutritious, increasing the amount of physical activity of our patients and those individuals at risk."

It also means individuals—you, dear reader, and this columnist—taking personal responsibility for their health, and making all the paths towards good health, even the inconvenient, the difficult, the unseen.

Dr. Jennifer Adriano, a doctor diagnosed with cervical cancer at age 38 who is currently battling breast cancer, said in an essay on her experience as a cancer survivor (she was hospitalized and so could not make it to the conference): She writes: "I believe everyone... can afford to keep granting it to themselves and to their loved ones but to be offended by cancer, directly or indirectly, involuntarily necessitates... to the overwhelming and, most of the time, consuming condition. Every facet of your life is affected. Every ounce of your character is tested. Its just imagine how depressing it would be if a patient have this ordeal alone. As it is, knowing that someone have diagnosed with one of the most dreaded diseases is depressing; being this without any support is still persecution."

"Battling cancer really drains you out. My diagnosis brought out the best and worst in me. I had a long period of denial and self-pity. It took a few months before I could allow myself people to see me. I practically closed the world out. And it took a long time before I was able to finally speak up and list what I have."

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FUTH medical professionals go through denial. Manolito Dychiangco, president of the Philippine Oncology Nurses Association, confessed that after her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer, it took her a year to go for a mammogram, and some months before she could get her breasts checked here. She encourages: "Come on a very good patient. She said carefully.

But, if we love ourselves and believe we have a lot more to do, then we must break through **the denial, the fear and the depression in order** on and seek out just treatment and a cure, but also a healthier life.

Leachon gives a tantalizing possibility: How about our cancer President Noynoy announcing in the next State of the Nation Address that he would be giving top priority to health and for a start that he would give up smoking? That would be exciting—and truly meaningful.

India's year of living stagnantly

WORLD VIEW

Jaswant Singh

NEW DELHI—WHILE 2012 promises to be a year of renewal for India, on another sense horrible? So many progressive uncertainty, but India cannot afford another politically and economically torpid year like 2011. For India, last year was a near lost forgotten.

India has been so deeply mired in political paralysis that the Nobel laureate economist Amartya Sen lovingly said that the country has fallen from being the second best to the second worst" South Asian country after Pakistan in response to "no match for China" on social indicators. This is a damning comment on a country that held such promise just a short time ago.

In early January, the American social commentator Edward Luttwak described India as "a system with one foot in the modern age and the other in a suicidal hallucinatory dreamtime." Ken didn't mince a hatch, but perhaps prophetic. In this "climate change related problems are doing heavy damage to the food supply. Their ground water is almost gone. The troubles of the tech-driving global economy will take a lot of pep out of their burgeoning tech and manufacturing sectors."

Indeed, suddenly, India's economy has begun spinning out of control. Last year, the country's GDP growth slowed, manufacturing plummeted, and inflation and corruption grew inexorably. Public Electoral and unelected governments officials alike, including cabinet ministers, members of parliament, and civil servants, were implicated in corruption scandals. The situation triggered resignations of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's beleaguered cabinet for a mere 13 months, paralyzing elections and civil liberties.

The population's outraged response to these events was visceral, and previously unknown figures such as the anti-corruption activist Anna Hazare rallied thousands of Indians to meetings across the country to protest against government corruption. As Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's government floundered, the opposition vainly sought to gain the upper hand.

But, to ordinary Indians, this political paralysis is simply supposed to be merely a farce—the blind pretending to lead the unsighted. Perhaps for the first time ever, India's government failed to react even a single piece of legislation, much less undertake any economic reforms, ensure price stability or address widespread civil disorder.

As the Indian historian Ramachandra Guha has observed: "The second former growing economy in the world now has the questionable distinction of having the lowest falling financial markets in Asia." Moreover, "the fortunes of the rupee are... tightly linked with the euro, which is in the throes of an existential crisis..." This has resulted in another, albeit unintended, consequence: "As scrupulous politicians, bureaucrats and businessmen, who have stashed their illicit wealth abroad, are leaving some of it back," putting off the money as export earnings. Where corruption has been the norm, the economy has taken a hit.

Furthermore, weaknesses in agriculture, energy infrastructure and governance have all contributed to India's economic crisis. For example, approximately a quarter-million Indian farmers have allegedly committed suicide over the last 16 years, despite unprecedented economic growth.

This statistic begs the question of why India continues to import foods and oil that could be produced domestically. Solutions offered by opposition parties such as the US India Business Council or USIBC do not address the problem's roots, and the crisis will most likely continue in 2012. It is a supposition that India invest in its agriculture, not only for economic reasons, but also because it is central to the country's culture.

Another concern is nuclear power. In 2008, the United States and India signed to a civil nuclear deal that would allow India to expand its nuclear power capability. In 2010, India's parliament passed the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage bill, a controversial law that many activists argued was inadequate. Following Japan's Fukushima nuclear disaster in March 2011, safety concerns surrounding nuclear power are large and mounting.

Local farmers, fishermen and environmentalists have since mostly protesting a planned six-reactor nuclear power plant in the Indian state of Jaitapur, south of Mumbai. In April, the protests turned violent, leaving one man dead and dozens injured. India will certainly see more anti-nuclear clashes in 2012.

As the heart of India's current malaise is a paralysis, rapid growth in fuel income has not been matched by proportional increases in the state funds. If the country's fundamental problems are to be addressed, India needs a government with the determination, integrity and intelligence to meet the complex demands of modern power issues in the 21st century. Project Syndicate

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THEY SAID

Open chair

"I would like to state for the record that the chair has no intention of... shackling the prosecution from obtaining evidence to prove their case. I think the prosecution has all the means to obtain the evidence properly if they apply the rules of evidence."

—Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, defending against charges that the impeachment court's judges conspired to the release of the subpoenas sought by the prosecution in the trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona

Stupid?

"In the eyes of the people, if I get all my names through these last months, will the candour stupid enough to put [them] in my name. [so these of] my wife [and] my children...?"

—Chief Justice Renato Corona, on a text message a reporter, as he alleged US grants sought

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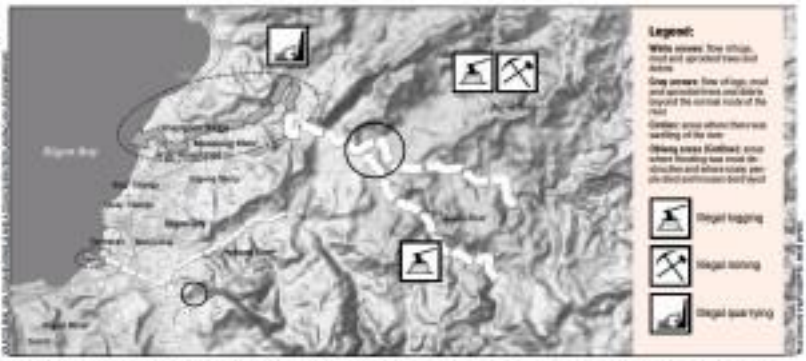
How the Iligan disaster happened

By Minerva Gonzalez

THE MASSIVE flooding that hit Iligan City at the height of Tropical Storm "Sendong" was a natural calamity made worse and a lot more fatal by illegal activities.

The three culprits were illegal logging, mining and quarrying, according to Brig. Gen. Roland Ilustrisimo, commander of Task Force Mahalimuat (Mindanao word for peace), which was at the forefront of the rescue, relief and recovery efforts in Iligan.

The deadly mix resulted in tragedy, Ilustrisimo said. Engineer Alfredo Mahar Lagmay, a University of the Philippines professor, likened the deluge to a tsunami, but with more destructive debris that ran everything in its path.



LOOT, trees, mud and debris blocked the flow of Macabalag River at Hinaplanon Bridge, creating a "dam," which later burst and unleashed a wall of water mixed with logs and debris that destroyed homes and killed people in Hinaplanon village. Christian Sulsultinan and Bayog Island.

Bridge blocked

Ilustrisimo said the logs from illegal logging along Kapot and Bayog Rivers, and mud from illegal mining along Iligan River accumulated at Macabalag River, where they were mixed with more mud from illegal quarrying along the Macabalag River (Dis-aggregation.)

Macabalag River serves as one of the main drains of the mountains in Iligan and Lanao del Sur where most of the storm water collected by watersheds passes through it before reaching the sea.

Ilustrisimo said that when the mix of logs, mud and debris clogged the Hinaplanon Bridge in Iligan, it turned the bridge into something like a dam which diverted the flow of tons of logs, mud, trees and crushed cars, and flooded other areas along the river.

Lagmay, in an article in Talk of the Town on Jan. 29, said that floodwaters 7 to 10 meters high unstopped beyond the banks of the river and wiped out villages with unrecognizable force.

One Iligan resident estimated that the surge reached as far as 4 kilometers west toward the city proper and east toward Barangay Santa Filomena.

Burst like a dam

The Hinaplanon Bridge later gave way and burst like a dam, flooding logs, mud and debris downstream into and around houses and people in barangays Hinaplanon then rammed the low-lying Bayog Island and Ortzala Subdivision in barangay Santiago near Macabalag River's mouth.

A resident said that was how the end of it. The wall of water, logs, mud and debris was repulsed by high tide and the heavily silted delta.

Pushed back

The water was pushed back and out to return to the sea, it swept away more houses and people along its path like a tsunami.

Ernie Rando, a village councilor of Barangay San Roque (formerly Barangay 1), one of the villages along Macabalag River, said that at midnight of Dec. 16, he and some fellow residents were at the foot of Hinaplanon Bridge which connected their village to Barangay Hinaplanon on the other side of the river.

Used to flooding up to shoulder-high a meter, they were calmly watching the water flow. They noticed that logs from upstream combined with mud and debris of uprooted trees, washed away by floodwaters, crashed into part of a dam at the bridge.

"The flow of the water was blocked and it began to surge on the banks and then overflowed," Rando said.

They all ran for their lives.

Hinaplanon chair Wenaico Saharon, who attended a Christmas party was trapped by fast-rising waters on the highway just about 100 meters from his home. He was lucky to be able to climb atop a 10-wheel truck, where such car other people, because the height of it all.

He could see the water surge everywhere. From the direction of the already submerged Hinaplanon Bridge.

He heard the pushing and crushing of floodwaters. The water "was noisy," which to him seemed to smell and by the minutes but by the second.

He also saw and heard the logs colliding, metal and mud, crashing, "bang! bang!" sounds, like of thunder. Living several rounds, when they rammed houses, vehicles and everything in their path.

Like end of world

By around 2 a.m. it all seemed like the end of the world. Water was everywhere. Saharon called Iligan Mayor Lawrence Cruz for help, but he was advised to do the best he can as many roles barangays are overwhelmed.

Then, amid the crashing of logs and exploding water, he heard a loud boom. In fact, it was like lightning and thunder clap.

Hinaplanon Bridge was breached and there was a roaring, arched at the bulk of the logs, mud and debris accelerated toward Bayog Island and Ortzala Subdivision. Two to follow its usual path, the flood began to recede.

The destruction of the bridge was both a boon and a bane. The logs, mud and debris rammed Ortzala Subdivision and almost wiped out Bayog Island, but spared the rest of the city from further inundation.

Echavez said, "If the bridge was not destroyed, the whole city would have been submerged."

On hindsight, Rando said, that it was just plain floodwaters with no logs or mud to clog the bridge and create a dam like effect, it would have been just like in the song "Unaburned Melody" a lonely river along its usual path flowing to the sea.

Revisited

By 3 a.m., Saharon was reunited with members of his family. He cried, happy to see them all alive. He was also full of thanks to Danilo and Estelita Zaboy, Gabriel Ubda and Fr. Pio Baracio who formed the rising waters to make up emplosions and bring us safety his family.

The survivors were just in time, for soon after the rescue, logs battered the Echavez home.

Amarillo said that without the logs, many would not have been killed as most people were already safe on rooftops. The logs hit and crushed to death those people.

The Iligan River also swelled as flooded a barangay on the western side of the city but residents there did not have to contend with logs, according to Amarillo, by some miracle, Task Force Mahalimuat had a disaster preparedness training a month before and other people.

A day after the tragedy, a reconnaissance flight over Iligan showed no logs from the 6 to 100-meter-wide line of logs along the coastline from Iligan to Naawan and Initao, Misamis Oriental.

Emmanuel Saldivar of the Marin Cristina Engine Club, who was on the flight, was so saddened and dismayed. His group has been active in reforestation and he knows that it takes about 30 years for a tree to fully grow and just three minutes to cut it down with a chainsaw.

A consultant from Barangay Lanipao said that illegal logging was rampant and only stops Kapot River but also along Bayog River where the still-forested areas have wild boars, big snakes, monkeys and lots of red beans (a rare species). The area is said to be part of the timber license granted to Weltex Development Corp.

Loggers, unwells

He said the modus operandi of illegal loggers and "investors" are like this: investors would give P150,000, the illegal loggers would throw cut down trees. In the forest and use carabaos to bring the logs to the banks of the river, which serves as a "log pond." When the level of the river is high, the logs would be floated downstream to Hinaplanon where they would be "fished out" at P50 per log.

There were more than 20 battalions (assemble), especially in Cebu. Frustrated bombers in containers vans were dropped to Cebu or Manila. He said all the sawmills were swept away by the flood, machines and all. A number of people now this as a sum of punitive justice.

White, black boats

There are stories circulating in Iligan about people seeing white boats before and during the tragedy. One story said an old man in Hinaplanon saw a floating big, white boat loading the embankment of logs.

Another story was of a fisherman saying she saw two big boats—one white and the other black, both manned by men looking, tall white people. She said she was picked up by the crew on the white boat. Her parents who were later found dead were picked up by the crew on the black boat.

Another story by an old woman was that she saw a weak before finishing a boat going up the mountains.

Graves of death

Old folk tales of avenging fallen souls. Until like no longer or anymore (confirmed by...)

A native of Hinaplanon said that it was an old belief that the boat, especially one that goes near to the sea but in the mountain, was an omen of death.

The review of logging, mining and quarrying policies, permits and regulations is once again being talked about as part of the move to update a natural resource use policy.

Mujiv Hataman, acting governor of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, has ordered a moratorium on the issuance of private land timber permits, tapped the Task Force Bantay-Ilog the campaign, closed down a number of sawmills in Lanao del Sur and instigated a purge of illegal loggers with illegal logging.

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Among other things, Ilustrisimo recommends the dredging of the Macabalag-Mainit Rivers to improve any disaster preparedness training is a must.

The to-do list aimed at avoiding another tragedy is long. But it has to be done. Else, an old man or woman or a young girl may again see the waves.

(Minerva Gonzalez, head of *Inquirer Research*, was born and raised in Iligan City.)

By the numbers
(Sendong's damage to life and property)

1,268
people killed
496 in Iligan

6,071
injured

181
missing

14,883
destroyed houses

37,552
partially damaged houses

P1.4 B
damage to infrastructure

P273 M
damage to agriculture

SOURCE: NDRRMC AS OF JAN. 26, 2011

'Till death do us part'

LIKE the couple in the movie, "Titanic," the parents of Jude Bunt, Ilonz, 61 and Maria, 56, were trapped in rising waters and faced death together.

Their bodies were found embracing each other in a photo known in Kauswagan, Puerto Y in barangay Hinaplanon, Iligan City. They died in the massive flood spawned by Tropical Storm "Sendong" on Dec. 17 last year.

To memory of his parents, Jude and his brother, Michael, initially thought of having their parent's vow of undying love and togetherness written on a tombstone. The epitaph is apt, Jude said. "They lived up to their vow 'They won't ever separate.'"

They died after more than three decades of married life—six days before their 32nd wedding anniversary. The couple co-wanted Dec. 23 to be the date of the funeral. But this wasn't to be. Despite being embalmed, their parents' bodies deteriorated fast. The funeral parlor told the brothers that fast decomposition was typical of drowned victims.

Thus, after a wake of just one night, the Bunt couple were buried on Dec. 19 at the St. Michael's memorial park in Bolo, Iligan.

On New Year's Day, one of the first things Jude did was to visit his parents' grave. On his Facebook account for senior "Mis, Pa, happy new year! And thank you! I will miss you! :("

"It was very painful," Jude said of seeing his parents.

Pain, however, was assuaged by his parents' final act of dying together.

He said, "If we look around, I am thankful that even if we lost our parents, we immediately found them. They were not missing. We were able to identify clearly them. We didn't have to wonder about what happened to them."

At least 80 percent of the fatalities with known addresses in Iligan were from Hinaplanon, which includes Bayog Island.

Ibrahim Ingilis, a senior faculty member of Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology said she was impressed not only because the Bunt couple were hand-reducing each other, but also because the couple were found wearing their office uniform/casual garb.

Many can doesn't go to bed wearing an office uniform. People did even they could be easily identified when found, according to Ingilis.

Ingilis said that to be precise was typical of Filipino Bunt who has a senior faculty member of MSU-IIT's Mathematical Engineering Technology Department. She remembered him to be an active, friendly and former manager of the MSU-IIT cooperative.

Mary Bunt was a home economics teacher at the high school department of St. Michael's College.

Jude's elder brother, Michael, is an engineer working in Cebu. Jude is pursuing his doctoral studies with mathematics as specialization at Ateneo de Manila University.

They are a family of academic achievers but, according to Jude, his father would describe their family as simply simple —with simple dreams and simple pleasures.

Traveling together was one of their dreams. The family had plans to see each other in Bohol on right after Christmas. The trip was Jude's gift to his parents. All the tickets, the arrangements and itinerary for a travel tour had been made. They were just marking time to be together on the 26th when disaster struck.

On time for the 40th day of his parents' death, the epitaphs of his parents were done but they didn't have the "till death do us part" phrase written. Instead, they contained the same color photo of his parents as a young.

The words to remember them by are side-about the same. For his father, Husband, father, teacher, friend. For his mother: Wife, mother, teacher, friend.

Most Filipinos would pray that a loved one shows herself or himself to a dream before the 40th day of his or her death. Father which it is believed that the soul would leave family. Jude said that he was half-dreamed of his parents. They told him they were happy and just fine—together in life and in death. Minerva Gonzalez

JUDE Bunt with his parents Mary and Ilonz

They're the silver lining behind dark clouds

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first affected 3.03 million people in 38 provinces and the latest, 1.11 million people in 16 provinces.

Then one night in December, Sendong unleashed an unprecedented amount of rain on places in Mindanao and Mindanao is unfamiliar with such fury that is instead of keeping watch, the villagers were to sleep as the rivers were swelling. The cities of Iligan, Cagayan de Oro and Bgan were the hardest hit.

At last count, 1,268 people were dead, 61,071 were injured and 52,455 houses were ruined, with almost 15,000 totally destroyed. The damage is in infrastructure and agriculture was assessed at P1.73 billion.

Everyday people

The raining could not have been worse for a nation that was expecting Christmas in two weeks. Caught in the throes of preparation for the holidays, people could not spare the time to help with calamity relief work.

But not everyone, thank heavens. There were those who responded to the call for aid.

Everyday people took time off from their lives and loved ones to search for survivors, comfort the grieving, raise the stranded, bury the dead, pack relief goods, feed and shelter evacuees, raise kids, haul away muck, gas and rebuild homes, fill in reported and unreported gaps in response to the crisis at hand.

Facebook denizens started pages for detailing what the storm victims needed, where to drop them off, where to volunteer manpower, where to donate funds and other details that could help keep the crisis at bay. "We can do this!" urged the Facebook entries.

Amateur photographers posted grim photos on the Internet and received the world to weeping becomes the lifeless bodies were mostly of children.

The universal reaction to those images rippled out to move folks abroad to do the next best thing to "emailing out and being there"—they wrote checks.

According to reports, the Philippines received P1.11 billion from other countries, agencies and apart from over P222 million that the United Nations had raised from its member nations.

College students postponed their trips home for the holidays to help pack goods at the relief centers on campuses. Some even made a detour in Cagayan de Oro or Iligan to help distribute the aims to Sendong survivors.

The University of the Philippines (UP) had a system-wide relief operation manned by faculty, staff, students and other volunteers. Although UP Mindanao was at the forefront, systems also launched hygiene kits, water at different in these shifts, from 8 a.m. to midnight.

Generous guard

A guard on the Loyola Heights campus of Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) donated the Christmas pack he had received from his employer consisting two tins of canned goods, instant noodles and some rice, even before the university could officially launch its own relief operations with other Ateneo campuses, in particular Xavier University, which served as an evacuation center for Cagayan de Oro residents left homeless by the storm.

Xavier offered 5 hectares of its property to serve as a relocation area for the homeless survivors. Trees were put up as the relocation site is damaged Lumbia is temporarily shelter displaced families. In time, according to the university spokesperson, materials for constructing homes would be provided.

Hurting, homeless

Dynamism continued most of the relief and evacuation areas. At Windsor Inn Hotel Cagayan de Oro, students, residents, academics organized food packs for evacuees into clusters. A leader was appointed for each cluster to maintain order, with the evacuees expected to look after their respective groups.

The distribution made the system easier without having to ask the evacuees to form lines three times a day. Sometimes, living up for food can be demeaning, especially when you are feeling and humiliated.

Many companies decided to forego their office Christmas celebrations and instead deposited their party funds into the Sendong accounts set up by the banks.

Some even gave their employees leave for volunteer work, in addition to starting a pot for cash donations. Various businesses gave goods, from coffee to navy to underwear. Other companies delivered their products.

The Internet initiated a relief drive and distributed donations it received in kind on Christmas Eve through the Philippine Red Cross.

Other companies offered services. Students packed up and dropped off donations. Doctors and nurses volunteered medical services. Psychologists held debriefing sessions for both victims and volunteers.

Employees of the companies under San Miguel Corp. (SMC) organized more than one-stop-shop (1) evacuation centers, serving thousands of families in the cities in crisis. SMC also donated bottles of purified water and food packs to affected families.

'Drop in the bucket'

All this would have been good enough, but SMC topped its donations with a 95-00 million check for the construction of houses for Sendong victims, in cooperation with Gawad Kalinga.

"Sure people will say that amount is a drop in the bucket for a conglomerate as big as SMC. That is true, but it is also a drop in other companies' buckets, but none of them other than SMC gave in such proportions.

An Ayala spokesperson said that a Filipino Chinese businessman, who wished to remain anonymous, offered to handroll the building of initially 300 houses in Cabanatuan for Sendong victims in CDO and eventually 700 more.

An Ayala spokesperson teamed up with the Rural Missionaries of the Philippines Northeastern Mindanao Region for the "Fukapin Sinking Hilagang Mindanao (SHM)." Sentang the following: stuffed toys were handed out gratis to rescue workers and could help heal the "children who have been left almost everything," from 12 drop-off centers, THEM collected thousands of teddy bears and other plush animals.

Good hearts good

As Cathy Babao was wrapping up the donations, a friend forwarded to her a YouTube video that showed Sendong images and a 7-year old American girl named Shiloh pleading for 5,000 dollars for the children affected by flash floods in the Philippines. "They have to be clean, livable, plush and, most of all, they need to be there before Valentine's Day," appealed Shiloh. Good, as they say, begets good.

The damage to schools wrought by Sendong totaled P134.95 million in 68 schools. It allotted close to 27,000 students.

Clutching each other, the sisters doubled through the road and found a plastic bag tied in a knot and containing clothes that, blessedly, were dry. They quickly changed into the clothes, heedless of all else but the need to keep warm.

In one moment Janie lost the bag while floating, the way Apple lost the one item she had thought to save.

Apple would later find out that the flood that had bulldozed her community was seven feet high, further downstream, bringing about more death and misery.

At first light, Apple saw the dead littering the muddy expanse. Where she saw her father, he was already well on his way reaching toward her. His clothes were torn and he had cuts and bruises on his chins and shoulders.

Everyone, including her grandmother, followed close behind him. Together, they made their way home.

The roof seemed to have been lost in one piece, and all that was left standing was the stairwell.

The survivors left the house—the one where they lived to and the one they were about to build.

The father had purchased a small lot months from the river and its hazards and was preparing to begin building a new home. Plywood and galvanized iron sheets had been stocked in their house, only to be lost in the flood.

"It's just that we lost the house, but what's important is we all survived," Apple said.

Child-Centered Space

Room of Dec. 17, the family made it to City Central School, which like many other public schools in Cagayan de Oro, was designated an evacuation center.

Conditions were hard. It was terribly warm in the evacuation center, and sanitation and water disposal immediately became a concern.

Apple had to tend to her younger siblings—a situation common among families where the parents had to queue for relief goods or salvage items from the rubble that was their home.

It was at the school that Apple first encountered Child Fund, a nonprofit group committed to help impoverished children who have the capacity to become young adults, participate in their families' well-being and positive change to their communities, as well as promote societies where children's worth and rights are valued, protected and advanced.

A passenger jeepney rolled into the evacuation center. Young people in green shirts and carrying plastic boxes and large carpenter's mats emerged, and the mats in a paved courtyard near the kindergarten, and started the distribution play.

Apple and her friend Lovely Grace Sison (CCS) established as City Central School. Apple watched as the children played, drew pictures and sang songs together. She found herself wanting to join them, but ended up taking them to the group.

Janie returned to the space allotted to her family wearing a hat made from a newspaper page. She said the children made paper hats in CCS, and though she couldn't follow the instructions, one of the sets and Arjoy (the sisters and brothers) made one for her.

The paper hat became her new treasure.

ChildFund volunteer

Janie had her family's permission to attend CCS every day. Apple saw how Janie would remain half-asleep in there. The few times Apple came by to observe, she found herself wanting to join the activities.

But soon after New Year's Day, the ChildFund property had to close up. Apple later learned that the area and layout had to go back to school and could not come anymore.

She was happy when ChildFund's local partner opened word of the evacuation center's continuing presence to return to become the next batch of youth facilitators. While earlier she only watched in admiration, she now had an opportunity to be an actor to more than just Janie.

Apple attended a two-day workshop that initially helped her process her own experiences and gave her the facilitate to help other children deal with theirs. She and other youth and parent volunteers went to their respective homes specific activities according to ChildFund's GOS manual.

Best of all, she got the chance to play many games in the course of her training. "I had so much fun at ChildFund's workshop," she said.

Though she had just survived harrowing circumstances, saying her sister in the process, Apple had not, until then, become aware of the need to be brave, or that she must have been brave every time she faced her ordeal.

Now, Apple is helping other children find by becoming a volunteer at the Child-Centered Space.

She may lose her last home and all her belongings in the flood, but she has not lost the will her family are mixed to her first connection.

Through CCS, she has also found that so long as she has more to give, she cannot ever say that she has lost everything.

Girl, 15, lost everything but has more to give thanks to ChildFund

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"My mom. There's no more money!" came the woman's reply.

Barely two hours earlier on that night of Dec. 16, members of Apple's family had gone to bed in their tiny house on Isla de Oro, situated in the middle of the Cagayan River in Cagayan de Oro City.

The family lived in a densely packed community of corrugate small houses built of light materials, mostly wood and galvanized iron sheets.

Dropping down, "Sendong" (international code name: Washi) brought hard rain that evening, and the river had swelled a little. Despite the still fresh memory of the 2009 flooding, the river did not seem to pose a threat.

But the rain continued to pour and the river continued to swell. Shortly after 9 p.m., Apple's mother, a shrimp vendor at the market and the family's breadwinner, her father, and others were woken by the loud gray build to seek refuge on the second floor.

Power outage

Within that time, however, the river suddenly peaked into a raging torrent. Apple and barangay officials pressured people from entering home on foot.

Back home, neighbors were calling to Apple's family to flee to safety. Many refused to their nearly where the floodwaters reached the second floors of their homes.

Apple had three younger siblings in her care, but lost all presence of mind when the power went out. A wave of terrified shouts filled the neighborhood as the world lost its color, with only rain pouring in sheets from above and black waters raging below.

In the darkness, the group of terrified beings and the unrelenting chorus of corrugated iron sheets flapping in the wind amplified the children's terror. A neighbor's house was uprooted by the flood that engulfed it and carried those screams until it crashed violently against their house.

Shaken by the impact and the roaring tide and debris, the central beam of the house gave way, the second floor tipped over, and everything was plunged underwater.

Apple thought it was the end. But she grabbed her siblings and the statue of Mother Mary from the family altar, and led them in swimming through the current.

Living in the middle of the Cagayan River had taught each of the children to swim, and that night saved not their skill in the water. They found themselves way out through a window and up to the surface, where they clung to a neighbor's house as they surveyed their surroundings.

The river had claimed their community, foreclosures, people were swelling for help in their homes, scrambling to or falling off their roofs, and being violently swept away.

"I saw a neighbor passing his baby in a Styrofoam lalbot to keep him above water," Apple recalled. "But the lalbot tipped over and the baby was gone instantly."

From roof to roof

Meanwhile, Apple's parents and the rest of the family. 75 year old grandmother lived, too, had made it back. They pulled everyone up to a neighboring roof, and thereafter scrambled from roof to roof, the father practically wearing the youngest children around him as human life jackets.

The stunt, the daily scenes of livelihood for most of the community's residents, demonstrated its malevolence. It smashed against houses, foaming and biting the hollows, and somehow, mercifully, subsided and pulled the walls apart from the inside, producing jagged debris that barreled toward other houses and people caught in the current.

Apple found herself and Janie being thrown about in the waters, separated from the family.

The scenes rise stood in their way: downstreams and they latched on for dear life. Janie was cold and tired, and Apple had to let go of the statue of Mother Mary as she would hold her sister.

She observed that some 16 others had made it to safety in the upper branches, and not the biggest them to take her onto that sturdy, safe branch.

Exhausted, Janie suggested that they drift downstream to find a safe place. But Apple was sure that letting go would be the death of them.

She would see her neighbors and relatives further downstream, the trees, bobbing up and gasping for breath only to be lost as quickly beneath the tide. Others stretched out an arm and cried for help she could not give.

As startling as it was terrify-ing, Apple held on and pulled the walls apart from the inside, producing jagged debris that barreled toward other houses and people caught in the current.

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WONDER OF IT ALL. Apple (right) and her sister, Janie, make it through the storm.

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Day 1 to 11: Legal points, evidence presented

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evidence, protecting both the truth against a relative's "innocent deception," or also to endanger the life of confidential and the family against the emotional strain of joining family members against each other).

The second was when Enrile read his statement saying that impeachment was "akin to a criminal proceeding," while agreeing with the prosecution that it was not guilty of "in a criminal manner."

The third was when Sen. Gregorio Honasan asked whether the prosecution had in evidence, admissible in the Senate, that Corona was guilty of "unexplained wealth" and "culpable violation of the Constitution" required in administrative cases? Or "preponderance of evidence" required in civil cases? Or the highest level of "proof beyond reasonable doubt" required for criminal convictions? Honasan, a lawyer, is also a businessman, and not to floor debate.

The fifth was when Sen. Ned Tupas by Day 5 asked for "flexibility" in presenting evidence in protest over the legal strategy objections raised by the defense. Presiding Senate Chief Justice Corona, he admonished him to desist, Senator Enrile cited the need to observe the Chief Justice's right to due process.

The sixth was when Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV cited the need for impeachment court in the Senate committee on the Philippine Military Academy, and he would accordingly rely upon a "basic sense of justice" above the "highest possible moral [Witness]" for a Chief Justice.

Privacy of impeach court

Finally, on Day 11 of the trial, Sen. Juliet Arroyo said that it wasn't enough for the prosecution to prove the charges of illegality under the articles. They must meet a "higher bar" and show that the violation rises to the level of an impeachable offense. Even if nondisclosure in the statement of assets, liabilities and net worth (SALN) are considered as "culpable," that wouldn't by itself make it impeachable.

The Senate subpoenaed the Supreme Court clerk of court to produce the SALNs of the Chief Justice, but the husband to comply and asked for a chance to ask the SC's permission first, resulting a one-week delay in accordance with the SC's regular calendar for its en banc discussions.

The Constitution provides that the SALNs "shall be disclosed to the public in the manner provided by law." However, the SC has adopted a rule frustrating that clause, saying that their own SALNs can be disclosed only with their prior permission. Since then, each permission has never been granted. Sen. Juliet Arroyo reminded a countercultural crisis should the Senate insist. Senators Franklin Drilon and Alan Peter Cayetano insisted on the principle of orderly consultation by the Senate in impeachment trial. After much discussion, Enrile ordered the clerk of court to submit Corona's SALNs, and she complied.

Sequence of presentation

The parties have had two skirmishes on this point. There are eight articles of impeachment, and the defense had requested that the prosecution list of evidence for each article would be done in the same sequence.

In Week 1, however, the prosecution insisted on their presentation to fit their sequence, according to their own litigation strategy. The Senate allowed this, but Senators Alejandro Gares and Juliet Arroyo asked the parties to declare that sequence in advance.

Accordingly, the prosecution announced this initial sequence: Article II (unconstitutional acquisition of wealth), V (SALNs, if "manifestly" and "culpable" violation), VI (SALN on the watch-list order against former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo),

By Week 2, Senator Santiago, noting the public's growing impatience with the trial, asked that the parties submit a list of all their witnesses and documents. By the start of Week 3, the prosecution listed 2000 witnesses, to the dismay of the defense judges. Accordingly, the defense did not file their list until toward the end of Week 3.

By Week 3, the prosecution asked for a new series of presentations of evidence: Article II (SALNs), III (lack of integrity), I (unauthorized partiality and midnight appointment), VII (SALN on watch-list order), VIII (no accounting for court funds), IV (TRO on the impeachment of former President Arroyo's Commissioner), V (Forfeiture of) documents), and VI (cover-up of allegations on conflict between cases).

Senator Teresa Aquino Oreta proposed that, instead of allowing the prosecution to parse the eight articles of impeachment in their ordinary fashion she described, each prosecution lawyer should have each article separately so that the defense can immediately have a chance to admit the prosecution. Senator Enrile said this would be contrary to the rules.

Hontanar's concern

On the first day of the trial, the defense already asked the Senate to take action against the prosecution for presenting its evidence before the media. Enrile's response was merely to admonish all parties to refrain from public statements and to direct their case to the Senate rather than the media.

Repeatedly in the next trial days, Enrile would remind lawyers of the "gag order" issued under the courtroom" passed faster than the trial inside the Senate hall, thus "destroying the honor of a good family name." Senators Sharon Lucas, Teofisto Guingona and Juan Ponce Enrile also admonished the parties to declare that ignorance

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Growing fish becoming Lake Sebu bane

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Lake Sebu, South Cotabato

PEOPLE who make a living around Lake Sebu are hoping for the rain to cleanse the water following the sudden surge of cold waters that left at least 50 tons of tilapia floating dead.

"Everything that we have to live by everyday is gone," said an owner of a cookshop restaurant.

"The lake is filled with tons of dead fish. Business is down," said Roby Gonzales, 30, engaged in tilapia growing. Since 20 years ago, she said people could still take a dip in the lake.

"But not anymore, with my kids. They can't do it with that water so murky," Gonzales said.

The lake has become so polluted and blame is laid on commercial feeds used in fish cages.

"The local government has no control. Everybody is just putting up their own cages and they are not even paying taxes…," added.

Robert Ribbon, who maintains 15 fish cages he inherited from his parents, shared the view.

"We are responsible for what has happened to the lake but we others said. 'Where can we get the money to feed our families if we stop our business, eh?' It's the source of our income," he said.

Health risk

Siegfred Floriano, chief of the provincial environment management office, said the business the health of children living along the lakeshore is at risk as they consume massive farmed fish.

"The lake is already polluted based on the recent study we had," Floriano said.

"We have been asking local officials to limit the number of cages within the lake but nothing is happening. Right now, there's high concentration of fish cages in the lake," he added.

Mayor Jerome Flores said at least 60 percent of the 854-hectare lake are teeming with fish cages.

Packed lake

"There are more than 3000 cages scattered around the lake. We still have enough supply of tilapia because only 10 percent were affected by the fishkill," Pongos said.

He said owners of fish cages that were near the shore were the ones hurt the most.

But Floriano said based on the environment experts, the supply is lost fish cages is only 10 to 15 percent of the total lake area.

As part of efforts to rehabilitate the 354-hectare natural lake, Floriano said they have put up communal septic tanks that can accommodate 10 families living around the lake.

"We are also removing water hyacinths and we are planting trees within the lake to prevent soil erosion," Floriano said.

This week, nearly 50 tons of tilapia were lost in the fishkill that hit Lake Sebu due to what locals call "hamtulang," an unusual occurrence when water temperature rises.

THE MOST vocal fishkill in Lake Sebu in South Cotabato is not visible from the angle. While the fish-growing industry has given many families around the lake a source of livelihood, it has become unwieldy after the local government failed to regulate the number of fish cages.

Low oxygen

Rudy Mayen, fish warden of the Lake Sebu agriculture office, said they had been telling fish cage owners in observer-sized lots opening between overproduction but have focused so far one of the causes of previous fishkills.

Last year, some 13 tons of tilapia ended up dead during a fishkill.

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Across the NATION

Escaped captive wants to stay for Europeans

DAMBANGHA CITY—An escaped Filipino captive won't leave the country's southernmost province unless he and two European hostages who were kidnapped, raping he vowed to stay until the Europeans have been released.

"I am not going to leave Tawi-Tawi until I see my colleagues free and safe," said Ivan Sarmiento, a Filipino bird-watching expert who swam to freedom after he and Ewald Horn, a Dutch national, and Lorenzo Vinciguerra, a Swiss, were kidnapped by gunmen at sea in Tawi-Tawi.

Sarmiento, a native of Davao City said he would join the search for Horn, 52, and Vinciguerra, 47, if he was allowed.

"I remember how they looked like so I can probably help," he said.

Sarmiento, Hernando Hacopian were heading for Bongao from Panglima Sugala town on Tawi-Tawi after spending 14 days there searching and documenting Tawi-Tawi's rare bird species.

Gunmen stopped them at sea and forced them into another boat. A police officer who was not in uniform and a village councilor who were with the three were told to jump into the sea with the boatmen.

Sarmiento found a chance to escape and swam to Langaan in Sitangkai where he was found by a group of fishermen.

"My conscience cannot allow that I leave the place and return to my normal activities while my friends are being held in captivity," he said.

Sarmiento said he believed that the kidnappers and the European victims are still in Tawi-Tawi.

Chief Supt. Felicisimo Khu, chief of the Directorate for Intelligence of the Philippine National Police Operations in Western Mindanao, said authorities, too, believed they were still in the province.

"They cannot even go into because of the tight security and naval blockade," said Khu.

Wai Al Haq, spokesperson for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said peacekeepers were ready to help in the search. *Julie Alipala with a report from Jeoffrey Maitem, Inquirer Mindanao*

HEAVY DAMAGE

Heavy equipment extracted millions of cubic meters of black sand from the shores of Lingayen, Pangasinan, which village officials and residents protested for lack of environmental clearance and approval by the provincial board. Bayan Muna Rep. Teddy Casiño has called for an investigation by the House of Representatives.

Killing increases tension as Zambales polls proceed

By Roberto Dancuga
Inquirer Central Luzon

IBA, ZAMBALES—A bodyguard of former Zambales Gov. Amor Deloso was shot and killed in what police said was a clash with a group of policemen manning a checkpoint in Botolan town on the eve of the special congressional election in the province's second district on Friday.

Linus Mudok, a native of Iloilo, died in a hospital after he and his men fought with a team of police officers, who were deployed in Botolan town to check on the presence of armed men there, said Senior Supt. Francisco Santiago, Zambales police director.

Deloso's daughter, former Vice Gov. Cheryl Deloso-Montalla, ran as the administration candidate for the seat vacated by the death of Rep. Antonio Diaz in August last year.

The other candidates were Jun Omar Elduna (Partido ng Manggagawa at Magsasaka), Gloria Victoria Diaz-Arambulo (Nacionalista Party), Romel Member PGBerdo Bagsic (Independent) and Alfred Mendoza (Independent).

Deloso claimed that Mudok and his men were in the area to disperse people orchestrating vote-buying operations that would benefit his daughter's chief rival, Jun Omar Elduna, son of Zambales Gov. Hermogenes Elduna Jr.

"Whatever I do, they will always say the PNP is biased towards me..."

Normal target

Sought for comment, Governor Elduna said: "Of course they'll say that I was the former PNP (Philippine National Police) chief. Whatever I do, they will always say the PNP is biased towards me."

He said his son, Jun Omar, was leading the preelection surveys and that could be the reason he was targeted in the black propaganda.

Deloso said he was outraged when Mudok's companions were detained to face assault charges. His daughter, Montalla, claimed that Mudok's group was "unarmed and ambushed by the police."

On Saturday however, Zambales Assistant Prosecutor Cristobal Balingcod released Mudok's companions on bail after charging them instead with a lesser offense for disobedience to a person in authority.

Lawyer Haina Isabel Ebrid, Zambales election supervisor, said the incident could not be classified as election-related because Mudok was also the subject of a warrant of arrest for a criminal charge.

Process completed

Despite the incident in Botolan, election precincts opened at 7 a.m. on Saturday to 58 voters completing the second district, and closed promptly at 3 p.m., she said.

A winner has yet to be proclaimed as of 5 p.m. yesterday.

Santiago also refused to qualify the shootout as election violence until, he said, the police had completed their investigation.

Police said Mudok was riding in a vehicle with a group of men when a police mobile team encountered them at 7:15 p.m. Friday at an election checkpoint on the Zambales-Tarlac Road at Barangay Santiago in Botolan.

The police team had responded to a report that Barangay Captain Aris Bongco Lingat of Mambog-4 village in Botolan was illegally being fortified by men in a Mon Toyota Hilux and a red Mitsubishi Adventure. Lingat is the local president of the Association of Barangay Councils.

Investigators said Mudok's group opened fire, hitting the windshield of the Adventure, hearing the police officers. The lawmen retaliated, triggering the shootout.

Members of Mudok's group claimed they were unarmed and were beaten up by the policemen. They refused to explain what had provoked the shootout.

ONE OF the candidates for the House seat vacated by the late Rep. Antonio Diaz, Jun Omar Elduna, son of Gov. Hermogenes Elduna, casts his vote at the Sindacuan Elementary School in Candelaria, Zambales, yesterday during special elections in the province's second district.

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Negrense conductor debuts at NY's Carnegie Hall

A poor boy from Victorias City, Nové Deypalan watered plants for his music teacher in exchange for piano lessons

NOVÉ DEYPALAN, former student of Philippine music maestro Ryan Cayabyab, went on to get a Master of Music degree (images contributed) from the University of Southern California.

By Lydia V. Salis
The Globe

NEW YORK—Negros born Nové Deypalan, alumnus of the University of the Philippines (UP) College of Music, made his conducting debut at storied Carnegie Hall in New York on Feb. 3 with the world premiere of "Dream of a Hundred Flowers."

"I will be conducting for Saxophone Quartet (PRISM Quartet), percussions and four Chinese instruments by a prolific composer, (32-year-old) Fang Man," he said in an interview.

"I am honored to premiere 'Dream of a Hundred Flowers' in one of the most prestigious venues in the world."

Deypalan comes from Victorias City in the sugar producing region of Negros Occidental. He played piano at an early age, but since they were poor, he said he volunteered to water the plants of his music teacher in exchange for getting free piano lessons. However, it was while watching his piano practice as a member of Victorias' sugar mill choir when his interest in music started.

He studied at the UP College of Music where maestro Ryan Cayabyab, a former professor, became his mentor. As a student, Deypalan worked at the Cultural Center of the Philippines as a composer and conductor, and his compositions, "Kagat sa Manzanas" and "Florante at Laura," are nationally recognized.

To further his music studies, Deypalan came to America 13 years ago, and completed his Bachelor of Music degree in conducting in the Chapman University, Orange, California. He graduated magna cum laude with a Master of Music degree from the University of Southern California.

Connecting with Fang Man

"Composer Fang Man and I met for the first time at the University of South Carolina in the beginning of Fall 2011," narrated Deypalan. "She just finished her doctoral at Harvard as a research assistant professor there. Mainly, as friends and colleagues will best know about my conducting style after she observed my recitals at the school. However, it was in Los Angeles, during our Christmas break while visiting Los, when she asked me to conduct a world premiere of her brand new music, 'Dream of a Hundred Flowers.'

"At that time, I did not know much about her or her compositions, but she convinced me to listen to some of her music in her hotel in Hollywood. My first reaction was very positive! I did not expect a powerful and captivating huge sound from a composer who has a very soft-spoken and humble demeanor and has a small build. Immediately, we connected."

The PRISM Quartet is one of America's foremost chamber ensembles, a two-time winner of the Chamber Music America/ Aaron (American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers) Award for Adventurous Programming. PRISM has performed in Carnegie Hall's Making Music series.

The New York Times has hailed Man as "innovative and breathtaking," according to Deypalan. Her original concert music has been performed worldwide by notable orchestras and ensembles, such as the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra, New Music Group under the baton of Esa-Pekka Salonen, and Music from China, just to name a few.

"Mandy's choice of instrumentation—four saxophones and four Chinese instruments is already 'Work intensive,'" he said.

"The music is extremely difficult to conduct as each instrument tells a story and each has its own character."

Doctor of musical arts

"I'm currently conducting work on the Doctor of Musical Arts degree in orchestral conducting at the University of South Carolina," named Deypalan, who is also a music teacher at the university. On March 16, 2011, he conducted Brahms Piano Concerto No. 1 pianist by the Columbia Free Times as "fearless ... first class titanic making." In January 2012, he joins the University of South Carolina in Allen, SC, as an assistant professor of music.

It is not Deypalan's first appearance at Carnegie Hall, though. In 2005, he led his ensemble, De Soulfi Boy Women's Choral from Torrance, California, where he lives. He also performed at the Vatican in 2007 for Pope John Paul II.

"I was a chorus master and singer but not a conductor," he clarified, "meaning, I prepared my chorus for two separate performances, for two different conductors."

In June 2008, he conducted a world premiere of Eric Whitacre's composition, "Lux Aeterna," for solo baritone, choral and orchestra at Shoreline City College in Pasadena, California.

"I'm very grateful to my family and friends for their continued support and I'm indebted to my music and conducting teachers who inspired me to bring my insatiable desire and lifelong commitment to music to the highest level of creativity."

"As a Filipino American musician, I'm proud of my heritage and grateful for the rich cultures of the Philippines," he said.

Lydia V. Salis is a freelance writer. She has retired from the City of Los Angeles after 33 years of service and was Rizal Cultural Affairs commissioner from 2001 to 2007.

The tragic sagas of 'BSAs' in Taiwan

By Susan R.

XIHANGDU, not her real name, came to Manny DCW at Radyo Inquirer to bring up the case of her husband, an overseas worker jailed in Taiwan for killing another Filipino.

A woman was the reason for the crime, she said.

Sharon disclosed to Manny DCW that her husband had an intimate affair with the woman, also an OFW, which lasted about two weeks. During that time, the Pinoy married to the Philippines, had another boyfriend, their workmate. The workmate/boyfriend was eventually killed by Sharon's husband.

Sharon didn't expect anything like this to happen during her husband's overseas employment. According to her, they shared many dreams for their two children. She is determined to face the future and to continue what they started although her husband is now serving time in prison.

She is scheduled to fly to Taiwan to visit her husband, and with the help of friends, she also plans to search for a job there to be able to provide for the needs of her family and be there to give moral support to her husband during his case hearings.

Sharon has regrets. Her husband should not have left the country, she said. Though they did not have a house of their own, they lived happily together in the Philippines, she added.

Last December, Sharon flew to Taiwan to deliver P450,000 to the family of the victim. She said she valued the money by most gaging their home.

Her husband's sentence has been commuted to 10 years and six months of imprisonment.

The case still file an appeal. However, she is afraid the sin keeps has the financial means to do so.

In Taiwan, her case illustrates what they call the BST syndrome.

BST is Pinoy slang for "Bibo-daff Bipolo Oxidizer or widower) Sa Taiwan." The term has been broadened to BSA (Bipolar bipolo or abroad.)

The buzz is due when married OFWs become attracted to unsuspecting overseas, instead of introducing their lovers to single (probably because they don't look it), they introduce themselves as bipolar or bipolo. Needless to say, their husbands or wives are still very much alive in the Philippines.

At first, it's like a joke. Some just want a short fling. But some end up in serious relationships. The result is the breakup of their original families. Or worse, they get involved in love-related crimes.

Our OFWs forget their most important reasons for working overseas—their families. But in a snap, they forget their families because of their new interests in life.

We say OFWs who introduce themselves as BSA or single abroad, better stop for a while and ask yourselves if you are ready and prepared to lose everything—your spouses, your children, and your dreams.

Susan Abdon, aka Susan R is on board as Radyo Inquirer 990 dzIQ AM, Monday to Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. (Audio/ video live streaming: www.dziq.am; Archives: 1357209.1881422/3910.2146809; E-mail: susanthetrapezekid@yahoo.com/ bantayan.ofwsolutions@yahoo.com.)

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If source is legit, Mrs. Lapid can get undeclared money back

THE FILING of a belated voluntary declaration by Marlene Lapid, the wife of Sen. Lito Lapid, is not an isolated case. There are quite a few Filipino travelers having or entering the United States who found themselves subjected to penalties or forfeiture for failure to report the money or currency in their bags. Not all were criminally prosecuted. Most of them were able to get their money released after paying minimal penalties.

Travelers would do well to observe penalties imposed by federal laws by being aware of this reporting requirement and complying accordingly.

There are also innocent immigrants, like some Filipino senior citizens, who experienced the consequences of failure to report their currencies upon entry in the US.

Abigail, an American citizen, petitioned her parents, Rosa and Francisco, for an immigrant visa. Both of them are now in their senior years—Rosa is 67 years old while Francisco is 70 years old.

When the couple received their immigrant visas, they were excited to travel and live out the rest of their lives in the US. They withdrew money from their bank account in the amount of $25,000 to bring with them during their trip. Last year, they returned to the US through the Los Angeles International Airport. But in their customs declaration form 4790 they failed to write that they were in possession of more than $10,000. Upon being questioned extensively by the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) inspector, Rosa initially claimed carrying $25,000. As the questions, their luggage and hand-carried bags were searched and the $25,000 was found. The CBP inspector believed all their money. Rosa was crying and insisted on the return of their money, as she was not aware of the need to declare the money. Francisco was likewise upset and was arguing with the CBP inspector. He asserted the importance of having the money returned to them as they were about to start a new life in the US with their daughter.

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A few weeks after the incident, Abigail contacted me with the CBP and sought the return of her parents' money. She argued that her parents were not aware of the requirement and had difficulty communicating in the English language. She also asked for compassion, considering their monetary was her parents' life savings.

Abigail filed up a petition for the return of the money after her parents received their release notice letter. After going through the process, Abigail was able to get most of the money back, with minimal penalty paid to the government. No criminal charges were filed.

Reporting requirement

The US law requires declaration of monetary instruments of more than $10,000 when traveling to and from the US. This includes traveler's checks, cash, gold coins, negotiable checks, money orders, promissory notes and securities or stocks. Negotiable checks include those that may be cashed by the bearer, including those that are payable to someone other than the bearer and are endorsed without restrictions. Credit cards with credit lines of over $10,000 are not subject to reporting requirements.

Per Form receiving the US, a declaration has to be disclosed to all passengers on board the aircraft where the traveler must declare items they are required to report. Not negotiable instruments meaning currency or endorsed checks valued at $10,000 or more, a declaration form (Form 4790 or Currency and Monetary Instrument Report) must be filled up and submitted to CBP. This may be accomplished during the secondary inspection. This form may be downloaded from the Internet or a CBP officer may provide it to the traveler if requested.

No money is going to be paid to the CBP after declarations. Information on the Form 4790 is then forwarded by the CBP to the Internal Revenue Service for determination on whether the money is subject to taxation.

Return of the money

In order for the money to be seized, there has to be evidence that the person had knowledge of the reporting requirements and knowingly failed to report it. There are legal ways to get the forfeited money back. It entails proof of legitimate source of the money and its intended use. A petition may be filed as soon as a formal seizure notice letter is issued by the CBP.

If the legitimate source and legitimate intended use cannot be proven, then penalties may be imposed on the traveler. A criminal case may be filed under federal law that prohibits bulk cash smuggling. Once the criminal case is filed, the government must prove beyond reasonable doubt that the traveler knowingly violated the reporting requirements. If the government prevails, penalties of imprisonment or civil penalties may be imposed.

Other options

It is indeed an expensive mistake not to declare currencies of more $10,000 as the CBP and definitely more serious to hide the undeclared monies inside the luggage.

To avoid the trouble of having to face forfeitures or criminal charges, one should not hesitate to declare currencies of over $10,000 especially if the money is from a legitimate source. An alternative suggestion is to wire the money in a reputable bank or a remitter. If there is legitimate forfeiture, the traveler must take diligent steps to follow through with the case instead of waiting for a criminal complaint to be served as an unexpected measure.

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Loyola Meralco foils Kaya XI behind Younghusbands

By Cedrill P. Tupas

LOYOLA Meralco kept its mastery of Kaya, 2-0, last night to regain top spot in the United Football League at the Rizal Memorial Stadium.

Brothers Phil and Jason Younghusband were on target in the first half and the Sparks notched their fourth win in five matches to move ahead of Kaya and Stallion, which has a game in hand.

The Sparks pulled together after they left off in the stunning victory over Kaya in the UFL Cup semifinals, where they needed to rally from down goals down at halftime.

This time, though, it was Loyola that grabbed the upper hand early with ex-comrade Jason Younghusband heading in home off a corner kick in the 12th minute.

Phil doubled good control on the long ball and chipped past Iain Grannousoth eight minutes before halftime to make it 2-0.

For all its possession, Kaya struggled to break down a much-improved Loyola backline, which shut out an opponent for the first time this season.

The scoreline actually flattered Kaya, which needed Grannousoth to be in line home to stop Mark Hartmann, Byeong Jyeong-geol and Phil Younghusband on close-out chances.

Earlier, Army was held to a second straight draw by Nomads, 1-1, and stayed in fifth spot with five points.

Dudley Lim scored from close range to put Nomads ahead after 11 minutes, but Army equalized through skipper Noel Gonzaga in the 21st minute.

Lim was quickest to react during a mad scramble in the box and he bundled it past Ed Sarcauno.

But Nomads gripped for dear values. Phil Connolly left the game because of an injury.

Army capitalized on the evasive stands with Cristian Bellisario dueling Gomez, whose swift glanced header found the top corner.

Donaire eyes fourth weight crown today

Tokit Bakil kissed hometown bloodes Donaire Jr. (left) and Wilfredo Vazquez Jr. will be settled on the ring. STORY

SUNNY Donaire Jr. goes for his fourth title in as many weight divisions when he clashes with former world champion Wilfredo Vazquez Jr. for the vacant WBO super bantamweight title today at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

The host, hard-punching Donaire, dubbed as the Filipino Flash, easily made the weight Friday morning at 125.4 lb while the dogged Ilona Beach, Puerto Rico, tipped the scale at the 122-lb limit after rapidly shedding at least 9 lb the past seven days.

Donaire held world titles in the flyweight (112 lb), super flyweight (115), bantamweight (118) and is hoping to follow Manny Pacquiao's footing trail of glory.

Ranked highly in pound-for-pound lists but never quite a pay-per-view force, Donaire (27-1 with 15 knockouts) hopes to engage Vazquez (33-1-1 with 18 KOs) in an exciting battle to only his third fight covered by cable giant HBO.

A heavy favorite, Donaire has shown skills, speed and power, making him No. 4 in the Ring Magazine pound for pound list behind Floyd Mayweather Jr., Pacquiao, and Argentine Sergio Martinez.

But Vazquez, who has the super bantamweight crown to Mexican Jorge Arce via 12th round TKO after scoring knockdowns in the fourth last year, is also feared for his heavy fists and explosive presence in the ring.

Rafael Ramos will be the referee for the fight with Levi Martinez, Don Trella and Dr. Hubert Garcia as judges.

Nine years ago at the same venue, Pacquiao pummeled Mexican superstar Marco Antonio Barrera and helped cement his place in the sports A-list.

Now Donaire is saying to do the same, saying that 33-year, 20-fight unbeaten slate. He has stepped four of his last five fives, including an annihilation of bantamweight king Fernando Montiel in a stunning second-round stoppage in Los Angeles last year. Mary Anthony Reyes

Powerade gone after current season?

If this hissing banter neighbors of mine calmed Mingle had not reminded me, I would never have remembered that boxer Isarlo Magsayo was in the rankcast in the Mondo, announced Bob Vilma Chevrolet Nonpost Right last Dec. 23 billed "banned nonsuch."

To prove his statement Magsa, who had tagged along during the weigh-in at the Mall, they found the day before the fight, showed me a photo the last taken of the young, diminutive boxer from Iloilo posing with his opponent Angie Saguoy.

The trio an aide to parasite additional details regarding the outcome of the fight though he assures the did not watch the actual event.

I am concluded Ian Kinle went beamless he was sandwiched (4-0-0) going into the cliff with Joseph Coats (which ended in a pro-decision Ian Saturday and ultimately led to his untimely death.

"Kinle lost the first two rounds of that fight with Toquero and was also nobbled in the second round), but he got back in the third round, eventually refusing by TKO in the 6th round," Elena Bautista of Solar Entertainment replayed the scenario to me in non-fonts. Solar organized and telecast the island bauuts which was staged at the Fiesta Sports Center.

The 5'10 and 154 Kinle, who had a bright boxing future ahead of him, never regained consciousness after he collapsed shortly after the eight-round bout with Cotta in a right hard standing the 35th bounding anniversary celebration of Unicorn Oil the other Saturday.

He was rushed to the PHU hospital in Quezon City where he eventually succumbed last Friday.

Arthur Maquinto, the late Filipino boxer who the Iloilo city was his birthmate, who was also a former Ilonganon world champ Thorsi Sasiand of Thailand.

In the last 20 years, the scores of ring deaths among Filipino boxers include Andy Seguba, Macky Silvano, Roger Espinelli, Eugene Barsing, Mario Herring, Ismael Azanes, Freddie Tamay and Dhan-mel Cajoles.

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If Powerade sponsored JB Staples had the power or option to retain the Cone-Gula franchise in the PBA, what do you think would be the?

This is a no-brainer. JB will keep the franchise. Perhaps that was what he was praying for, more than anything else, when he went walking on his knees a couple of times at the Redemptorist Church in Baclaran on Ash Wednesday.

What's more to dissolve a team like Powerade when after years of wallowing in the cellar, it is on the way back to greatness.

And why would JB want Powerade to close shop at the core of his team in PBA play? Does that sound logical?

There's been nothing for days about the standing situation at Powerade, hoping that answers would subsequently surface from my inner sources.

There's been this little birdie flew by my window on after enlightenment.

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"Di naman JB wants to keep both teams and franchise, if he can help it. In fact he's finding very hard because he wasn't even considered on the big career made by his boss. He's feeling very sad he's considering giving up his ownership post at Coke," the birdie birdie told me.

"Pero sus, JB's big boss does not believe that a product like Coke should have a team in the PBA to be sold the franchise for P800 million. 'Sa, it's been sold. His strength as then would see its growth, if I'm not mistaken. The franchise may still carry the threes who found and team till the end of the season, but I don't know about next October. JB has been offered by another team on his ex governor, but I don't know if he'll accept. What brought the Coke franchise? He saw an library to sell, although from Inner Gwalior is expected to make a frequent appearance in the PBA this conference," the birdie added. "But I'm not to say that he brought the Coke franchise, too figure that one out."

PUHUREN

Ateneo-La Salle charity match tips off

PRIDE and bragging rights will be there for the taking as college basketball's most compelling rivalry is renewed and La Salle get it on one more time tonight at the Ateneo Ateneo coliseum.

The match, dubbed "Blue vs Green: Dream Game 2013," is set at 6 p.m. and features a fresh Ateneo side of coach Franz Pumaren and Blue Eagles squad of coach Norman Black both considered by current and one-time PBA players.

The two have solved rivals fought to a 90-90 standoff the last time they fought for a good cause in 2008, although the Eagles put one over the Archers in 2009 when Rabeh Al-Hussaini hit the game-winning three-pointer, 88-85, to a match best remembered for the feuds that broke out between Villanueva and Joseph Yeo.

Both Villanueva and Yeo will be suiting up again for their respective schools, making this charity match promoted by the PBA in cooperation with Mastermind Entertainment for the benefit of young cancer patients of the Philippine Children's Medical Center (PCMC) all the more intense.

Apart from Villanueva, also seeing action for the Katipunan squad is utility ace Japeth Aguilar, Greg Slaughter, Rabeh Al-Hussaini, LA Tenorio, Garry Ferrareis, JC Intal, Wesley Gonzales, Magnum Membrere, Ike Saburnat, Rich Alvarez, and Paolo Bugia.

Yeo will be joined in the La Salle bench by JV Casio, Mike Cortes, Mac Cardenas, Bernilles Rivualo, TY Tang, Ryan Arabis, Enzo Alfaro, Kevin Manalastas, Carlo Sharma, Jerwin Gaco, Willie Wilkes and JR Agustin, reportedly a late replacement for Brian Rad.

Black and the rest of the Eagles held two practice prior to the game, which the Ateneo coach expects to be "fun and yet competitive."

In contrast, the Green Archers played together as a team last year, although Pumaren doesn't see any problem as far as cohesion is concerned.

"All of these players had, at one time or another, played under me," said Pumaren, who steered the school to five championships.

UE, La Salle spikers face separate Shakey's foes

UNIVERSITY of the East and De La Salle-Zobel take on separate rivals today as they kick off their respective campaigns in the Shakey's Girls Volleyball League MOR leg at the Ynares Sports Arena in Pasig City.

The UE and DLZ rosters are two of the busiest lists in the league with the former challenging with the MGC blue Life Christian Academy side at 12 a.m., in Pool B action and the latter colliding with reputed tough Elizabeth Seton School at 11 a.m. in Pool A.

College San Agustin and St. James College-Malabon, meanwhile, clash at 9 a.m. in a clash of opening day hosts in Pool B while Most High School-Caloocan vies to recover low ground as it tangles with St. James College-Parañaque in Pool A at 9 a.m.

Angelicum College, Mighty Sports-Hope Christian School, National U and Kings' Montessori School double-handed their opening day matches in last week's opener of the event sponsored by Shakey's Pizza and organized by Metro Sports.

The top two teams in the two divisions, seven-team affairs, backed by Toby's, Mikasa and Asics, will clash in the crossover semis with the winners disputing the NCR leg crown and a berth in the Tournament of Champions slated March 23-24.

Meanwhile, Don Bosco Technical High School and De La Salle-Lipa topped the Central Visayas and Southern Luzon legs, respectively, while Baguio National High School ruling the Northern Luzon region.

GERMAN ATP

Huey, partner bow in finals

TROY Huey, the Philippines' top pair on the Grand Slam circuit, and Dominic Inglot of Great Britain reached the men's doubles final of the German ATP championship before losing to Sweden' Johan Brunstrom and Denmark's Frederik Nielsen, 3-6, 6-3, 10-6, Saturday.

Huey and Inglot, earlier have Lukas Dlouhy of the Czech Republic and Alexander Peya of Germany, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4, to make it to the championship of the indoor hardcourt event held in Hoffbrau.

It was another fine showing for Huey ranked No. 56 in the doubles, who reached the second round of the Australian Open last month with a different partner.

The 28-year-old Huey is set to arrive in Manila tomorrow to join the Cebuano Dustin Brown in the Davis Cup team which will take on Pacific Oceania in their Asia/Oceania Group 2 tie in Iriga City on Feb. 10 to 12.

Non-playing team Cyril Mamali, US-based Robot Gonzales and Jason Fernandez arrived yesterday and were scheduled to proceed to Camarines for some along with veteran campaigner Johnny Arcilla.

Philippine Tennis Association president Atty. Edwin Olivarez expressed optimism of the country's chance to the tie which will be hosted for the first time by Iriga City through Mayor Madeleine Alfelor-Gamora.

The Pacific Oceania squad will be composed of Michael Leong, in top player from Solomon Island, doubles players Daniel Lawsa and Cyril Jacobs and first-timer Aptiadi Marcel Tamara. Mary Anthony Reyes

Bayron, Que, Pucay way off Myanmar Open lead

YANGON—Jay Bayron fired a 1-under-par 71 Saturday to post a two-day total for 140's double-bogey finish on the Dagon Golf Course in the Golden Triangle Myanmar Open.

Bayron, who had a 69 Friday, is in a tie for 11th with Australia's Angelo Que and Thailand's Kiradech Aphibarnrat at 4-under 136.

Que, who had a 67 Friday, shot a 73

Hot Wade lifts Heat past 76ers

PHILADELPHIA—Miami's Dwyane Wade scored 28 points to lead the Heat to a 99-79 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Friday, putting the hosts back in their place with a convincing victory in the clash between two NBA downcast leaders.

Coming off wins against Orlando and Chicago, the Heats were aiming to complete a hat trick of home wins over the league's big guns, but could not go the distance against Wade, LeBron James—19 points and 12 rebounds—and company.

Wade made a pair of free-throw duties during the game-changing 15-6 run in the fourth quarter that calmed a tight game into a comfortable win after producing the Sixers' first subject round of the season toward the exits.

Thaddeus Young scored 16 points for the Sixers, whose five-game winning streak was ended.

Pacers 93, Mavericks 87

In Dallas, Paul George hit seven 3-pointers and finished with a career-high 35 points as Indiana won in Dallas for the first time in eight years.

The Pacers took the lead for good with seven consecutive points in the first 2 minutes of the second half. George made a go-ahead running layup then had a steal that he turned into a dunk and a free throw.

Indiana won its 10th road game this season, matching Miami for the most in the NBA. The Pacers had lost 13 of their previous 12 road games against the Mavericks.

Deb Monteiro scored a season-high 20 points for Dallas on 12-of-17 shooting. AP

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THUNDER forward Serge Ibaka (right) dunks over Grizzlies center Marc Gasol in their NBA game Friday. AP

SMB bounces back, dumps Bangkok five

By Jasmine N. Paya

BOBOCOCOCO from a road game loss, the San Miguel Beermen regained their groove at home with a 94-59 drubbing of the Bangkok Cobras in the Asean Basketball League night at the Smart Araneta Sports Arena.

The slam dunking Greg Thomas provided the early spark before finishing with 14 points and 11 rebounds as the Beermen secured solo fourth with a 3-2 record.

Locals Lee Availalo and RJ Rizada, fring 13 numbers each, helped the Beermen score to a 50-34 halftime lead over the Cobras, who scored an open last week by dealing Sheopuru Mahamici Stories.

Kelvin dela Pena and Sahrer Johnson also came through early in the second half, fueling an 11-3 breakaway that gave the Beermen a huge 65-37 spread.

Meanwhile, the Philippine Heroes tangle today with the Cobras at the same Ynares Sports Arena at 6 p.m.

The Pistons go for a third straight triumph with coach Glenn Capacio counting on his local stars to match up well with the Filipino reinforcements of the visiting Cobras.

Both the Heroes and the Dragones, who also have a Filipino import in Abel Bengardin, share second spot at 3-2.

In Bangkok, the Singapore Slingers (4-1) top to keep hold of the solo lead against defending champion Chang Thailand Hercules (2-3) after an 81 tonight at the Thai-Japanese Stadium, overtime.

Quotes 24-15,32-32,38-46,94-87

Castrol Champions of the Future blasts off Feb. 12

KIDS aged 7 to 13 can line up their racing dreams as Castrol Philippines and Thunder Racing School stage the third karting clinic of the "Castrol Champions of the Future" discovery program on Feb. 12 at the Carmona Racetrack in Cavite.

Take just you the three project proponents—Castrol and Thunder Racing School—get the support of corporate sponsors Automobile Association Philippines, Philippine International Karting Association (PIKA), DMF AUTO Racing, Indiana-to Racing, Lifeline Ambulance, 1Core and Shockwave in the thrust of discovering future karting champions.

The karting clinics will provide these aspiring racers the basics of racing and other techniques under the tutelage of established JP and Mike Tuason.

SPORTSWATCH

Sabong Net 5-cock Derby at Pasay City Cockpit today

PROVINCIAL competitors fight for supremacy today in the "Sabong Net 5—Cock Derby" unfolds at the Pasay City Cockpit.

Supported by Sugarman Complexes 3000, the one-day cockfight will clad of seven and well features more than 100 fights.

Bouts are Joel Sumanglid (Lilac) and Al Martija (Gamecock BB) of the cockfight available Sabong Net.

Entries include Talon Island, Tova Caliente Farms, Mulanyad, CVCC Pulahan, Tinawog Gorgeous, Rob Ines, Inquisitor, Dado Mitra, Alpamanguin group, Flagdevor of Wood, Dydes, JR Stallion, CDL, Senga and Sarsar.

Meanwhile, Tony Lasala of Balangay bagged his third international derby title after smashing again with champion in the "Pasay International 5—Cock Derby" last Friday.

Lasala's MBB Jack-Lala posted seven wins and one draw in eight matches.

For inquiries, call 8421180 and 8180150 or 09175911300 (Diane) or (Jenette).

NFGB President's Cup slated Feb. 23 at Smart Araneta dome

AFTER presenting the highly successful Manila Kalakasan 11-Sing Derby last December, the National Federation of Gamefowl Breeders (NFGB) will launch another big event this month.

Scheduled on Feb. 23 at the Smart Araneta Coliseum in a one-day super cockfest, billed as the "President's Cup 5-Cock Derby".

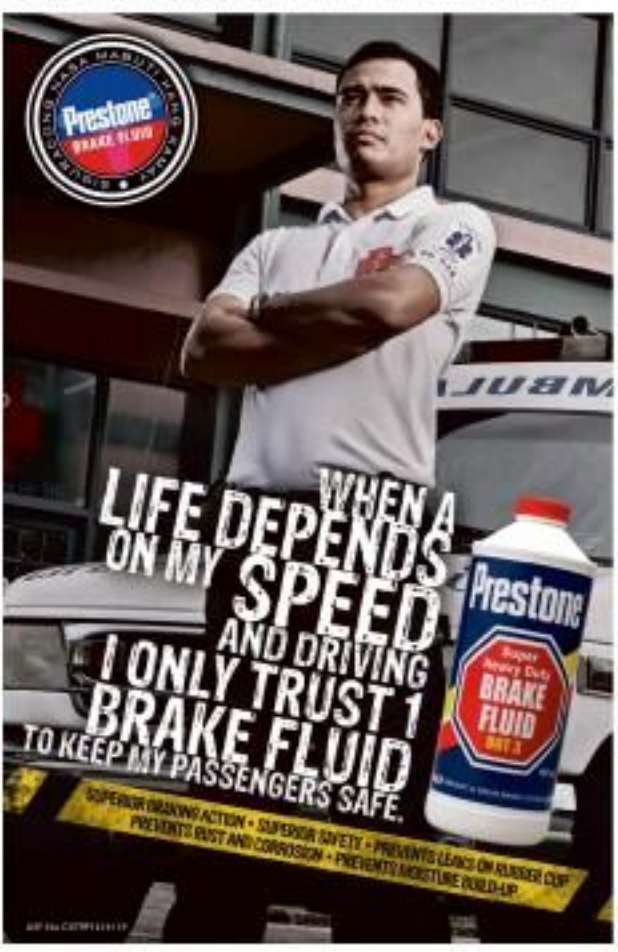
Each of the 32 member-associations affiliated with the NFGB will have one entry each, said NFGB president Rizzy Palmares Jr.

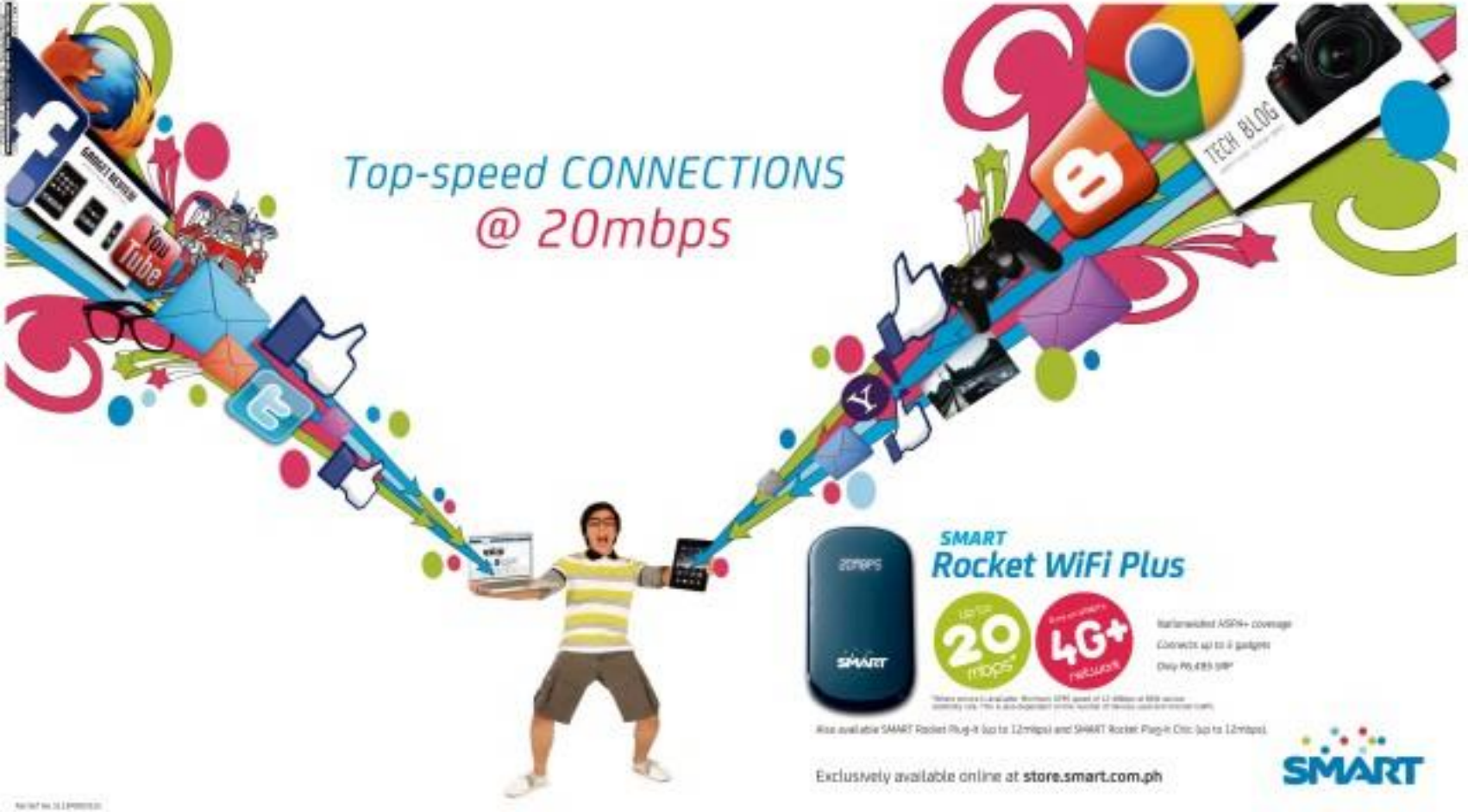
Entry fee is P50,000 and minimum bet is P20,000.

"Imagine the best bet of each province competing in one big cockfest. It's a dream come true," said Palmares.

For inquiries, call the NFGB secretariat at 09209823230 and 7251851 or visit www.nfgbonline.com.

CAGE EXECS Boone Tee, (front row, center) of San Beda Christian College and Board chair of the Mann Manila Yong Lion Basketball Foundation, with sponsors, among them Barnaby Chang of World Balance (Chang's row, 4th from left), Jon Sy of Pagcor (behind of Soho Inc. (front row, 6th from right), Philip Yuko of Summit Wharves (front row, 2nd from left), Dominic Mario Gonda, marketing officer of Barrington Socks, and Ferdinand Targan of Uratex Foam. Also present are PBYBA commissioner and Glendex consultant Alfonso Jr Dee and representatives of Xavier School, Chiang Kai Shek College, Hope Christian High School, Jose Rizal High School, St. Stephen's High School and St. Jude Catholic School.

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Tighter security on UP campus urged

By Julie M. Aurelio

THE MOTHER of University of the Philippines student Lordei Camille Hina who was seriously injured when she was attacked by robbers inside the Vinzons Hall has called for tighter security inside the UP campus as the victim remains unconscious and in critical condition at a hospital.

Calling the incident an "eye-opener," Consuelo Hina said there must be improvement on security on the 493-hectare UP Diliman campus.

She pointed out that with the life of her daughter, Lordei Camille hanging in the balance, parents need to be assured that their children are studying and roaming in a safe place.

This developed as the UP administration announced that more security personnel would be deployed near the Vinzons Hall where Hina was clubbed and stabbed before being robbed on Wednesday.

Hina, a fourth year political science major, was a volunteer of the University Student Council when she was attacked by two young men pretending to be interested in running a booth at next week's Diliman Fair.

At that time, Hina was at the USC office inside Vinzons Hall when the suspects struck her on the head with a trophy and even planted her head with an ice pick.

In a statement released yesterday, the UP administration said there would be more UP Diliman policemen especially in the vicinity of the student center "to confer on rebuild confidence."

The UP administration also expressed their sadness and sympathy for the Hina family.

"[We] are profoundly affected and deeply saddened by the incident that happened at the USC office," the university said as it pledged to continue to support Hina as it monitors her condition.

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Graver charge vs suspect sought

By Nancy C. Carvajal

CORINE Hina, the mother of the victim of a student robbery inside the University of the Philippines Diliman campus wants a graver charge against the suspect, but an assistant city prosecutor said it's robbery as calling to serious physical injury, a police official said.

"I'm not referred to the court, like what the mother also wants, we filed frustrated murder against the suspect, but it was the fiscal's assessment of the case and indicted him for serious physical injury, according to Senior Supt. Michael Wurtzpajel, station 9 commander of the Quezon City Police District.

Wurtzpajel said the suspect, Cadiz Pelayo, underwent inquest proceedings on Thursday night and was detained at the station's jail.

He said Pelayo who admitted to have struck the victim, Lordei Camille stylish Hina, 20, with a trophy on the head was also charged with robbery and illegal possession of a bladed weapon.

He said that a manhunt operation was launched against Pelayo's cohort, a certain Dumaw Viernes, who acted as a lookout when Pelayo went inside the University Student Council Office.

Wurtzpajel said Viernes escaped when university police was chasing Pelayo. He remains at large.

Laundry shop heist suspect surfaces

By Jeanmarie I. Andrade and Lucy Sherwood

FOLLOWING the arrest of one man accused of killing a laundry shop owner and wounding his wife and a household helper during a robbery, a third suspect implicated in the crime surfaced yesterday at the Manila police headquarters to clear his name.

Rafael Ojo, 24, of Barangay Del Rosario, Naga City, expressed surprise at being linked in the group who robbed, then killed his former employer Edwin Chua, 35, owner of the Bell's Eye Laundry Shop at 1609 Tabal Street in Tondo.

Ojo, accompanied by relatives and some neighbors boarded from Naga City to Manila and proceeded to the Manila Police District (MPD) homicide section office to formally clear his name.

"I would never do that. He (Chua) was a good man and his family treated me well," Ojo told the lawyer. He claimed he never left Naga City for a month and could not have participated in the robbery, showing clearance issued by his barangay and the Naga City police to prove his allegation.

Apart from killing Chua, the robbers also stabbed the victim's 33-year-old wife Charlene and Marisol Libranilo, 25, the county of their 4-year-old son. Both remain confined at a Manila hospital.

"I decided to obtain these clearances from the barangay and the police when I heard my name mentioned in the TV news reports about the laundry shop incident on Tuesday night. I was the only former employee of the Chinese named Richard," he pointed out.

He explained that he could not have committed the crime because he left Manila on Dec. 21 to celebrate the New Year at his hometown and has stayed there since then. "This is the first time I returned here (Manila)," Ojo said, adding that he quit his job as a driver at the laundry shop because his common-law wife, who is staying in his hometown, is pregnant with their first child and he wanted to start his family there.

To further prove his claim, he pointed out that on the eve of the crime, which happened on Jan. 31, he was at the birthday party of the daughter of his 47-year-old neighbor Dominga Avila.

FUTURE PELES
Boys play football on 16A Road in Quezon City. Football legend Pele of Brazil started his career by playing in the streets of Rio de Janeiro before becoming one of the world's greatest football players. ALEXIS TORRES JR.

5 in cargo hijacking charged

By Jeanmarie I. Andrade and Lucy Sherwood

FIVE persons, including a policeman assigned with the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) and a teenager, were charged with criminal charges before the Manila City prosecutor's office for last month's hijacking of a cargo of toiletries worth P2.4 million in Quezon City.

SPO1 Sherwin Casanova, 33, assigned with the NCRPO Regional Personnel Holding and Accounting Unit (RPHAU), of Geronimo Street in Sampaloc; Glen Mendoza, 18, of Vit. Cruz Street, Sampaloc; Rodrigo Peralta, 34, of M. dela Fuente Street, Sampaloc; Alfredo Delagallo, 42, of Vit. Cruz Street, Sampaloc; and Elias Alfaraz, 45, of Vit. Cruz Street, Sampaloc, were rounded up in a series of follow-up operations by Manila Police District (MPD) Sampaloc station 4 operatives.

MPD station 4 commander Supt. Rolando Bulusbus said the suspects were charged with theft and robbery as well as violation of Presidential Decree 1612 or possession of stolen property before the city prosecutor's office.

Bulusbus explained that the arrest and the charges against the suspects stemmed from a Jan. 26 incident where members of the

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Navotas boosts security measures near schools

By Kristine Felicia Marquez

LOCAL officials of Navotas City have intensified the implementation of security measures around schools in the city to prevent a repeat of the hostage-taking of an elementary pupil that lasted for almost five hours last week.

Supt. Ferdinand del Rosario, Northern Police District public information officer, told the Inquirer that "stricter routine patrols" near school campuses were ordered by Chief Supt. Antonio Bocobo, NPD district director.

"Habang pinaiiwasan nawa at ready making their rounds in these places through Option Ba. Hi Pantalon, after the incident, are thought we should be even more stringent so that (the hostage-taking) will not happen again," he said.

According to him, policemen have been advised to patrol in the near educational institutions even during class hours, unlike before, when they would frequent these areas only before and after classes.

He added that Bocobo had instructed police community precinct commanders to coordinate with Barangay "Love and Justice" for better visibility.

"We have tapped the (Barangay Peacekeeping Action Team) for this," the local official explained, referring to the group of civilian volunteers who help ensure peace and security at the local level.

For her part, Joyce Ramayrat, the city's chief public information officer, told the Inquirer that Mayor John Rey Tiangco had also issued a reminder to principals to ensure that the "No ID, No Entry" policy is strictly implemented in their respective schools.

"(He also said) that those who enter should be searched, and should be made to sign in logbooks," she said.

On Wednesday classes at the Navotas Polytechnic College in Barangay North Bay Boulevard South were suspended after Honorable Yanyin B., a former student, held at knifepoint Amy Perez (not the actress) inside the administration office on the building's second floor.

Yanyin later surrendered to local authorities.

Although Perez decided not to file charges, the local police filed a case of grave threats, serious illegal detention, and alarm and scandal against Yanyin in the city prosecutor's office.

In a related development, Dreams, a member of the crisis committee that negotiated Perez's release, admitted that there were lapses during the negotiations, but said these were "overstated" even before the hostage-taking was peacefully resolved.

The police official made the comment on Thursday following reports that Director Security Arjan Roberts had criticized the officials' handling of the crisis.

5 in cargo

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group allegedly intercepted along Sitio Bakalsmok, in Quezon City, a 10-wheeler cargo truck (CEG-3266) on its way to Caloocan City to deliver some P5.4 million worth of Unilever products.

The station commander said that two men in police uniform, including PO1 Casanova, flagged down the truck on the pretense of a traffic violation.

When Real Time Movers and Logistics Inc. truck driver Federico Soriano, 53, stopped, Casanova and his cohort allegedly summoned the hired said drowned the driver and his 24-year-old assistant in the Sam paloc district of Manila.

Salandanan said they were able to track down the suspects and the stolen truck several hours after the hijacking through a global positioning system installed on the vehicle.

Police operatives located the truck parked at the corner of VL. Cruz and Bolinderdad Avenues and arrested Mendajan, Umaquin, and Villanueva.

The arrested suspects then led other police officers to the entrance of all colleges, dormitories and buildings on the UP Diliman campus.

The UP statement passed on its website said the Committee on Security and Welfare would be assessing current security arrangements inside the vast university campus.

On Thursday the accused suspect identified as Cielo Dolaya was ordered to inquest proceedings for robbery, serious physical injuries and illegal possession of a deadly weapon while his cohort remains at large.

Cancer victim needs help

ELDER ROBERTES

EIGHT-year-old Ella Elvi Flamores showed early promise in her school as the Grade Montessori of Novaliches, finishing second grade with honors.

But Elvi's life changed almost a year ago when she was diagnosed with bone cancer, both staff at the Department of Education, are appealing to lend hearts for help.

Now on her second month of treatment at the Philippine Children's Medical Center, Ella is in dire need of chemotherapy.

Her mother, Flora, an employee at DepED's Bureau of Secondary Education and father Jonell, a commercial worker at DepED's Bureau of Alternative Learning System, can no longer afford her costly treatment.

To help, text/call Flora at 0920 843 0999 or Jonell at 0920 379 9797. You may also deposit any amount to Josephine Flora Hernandez account 3361000437 with Land Bank.

Sheryn Quicoy-Lindo

Tighter security on UP campus

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The victim's mother said the injuries her daughter sustained might have affected her sensory perception, consciousness, sight, speech, motor skills and even her memory.

Elina remains in critical condition at the intensive care unit of the Capitol Medical Center with skull fragments still embedded in her brain.

In a press conference yesterday, Cosme said a CT scan showed that the ice pick pierced her daughter's left temple and came out on the other side of her head.

"I still believe in divine healing," the mother said calmly, adding that surgery might do more damage at this point.

In a meeting last week presided by UP Diliman chancellor Caesar Saloma with the (presumably on Security) and Welfare, it was decided to implement a stricter ID and bag check by guards who will be equipped with metal detectors.

The stricter measures will be carried out at the entrances of all the university's seven gates.

METROBRIEFS

Student, reranger robbed

SEARCH pooped on a teenage college student and an electronics company personnel manager in separate incidents, taking a total of more than P50,000 worth of valuables, mostly gadgets, in Manila. Reported to the Manila Police District (MPD) theft and robbery section revealed that a 17-year-old student of the College of St. Benilde was victimized Thursday morning by armed robbers while on a passenger jeepney while 46-year-old Hitachi Global Storage Technologies human resources manager Arturo Claro Jr. of Andromeda Street, Merkabar subdivision, in Bacoor, had early Friday morning his bag box that night outside his home. MPD investigators said that the student and Arturo Claro, who were aboard a passenger jeepney, between 3:00 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Thursday when two knife-wielding men announced a hold. Richard Ino Paul worth P22,000 and mobile phone worth P4,000 to the suspects. On the other hand, Claro lost his computer bag, containing a laptop computer worth P150,000, computer accessories worth more than P10,000, a P4,000 leather wallet, and a P7,500 Hermes pen, which he placed down on his rear opening the door to his house before dawn on Friday. When he turned to retrieve his computer bag, it was already gone. **Jeannette I. Andrade and Cory Quirante**

UP Dentistry marks 97th anniversary

THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines College of Dentistry (UPCD) will celebrate its 97th anniversary with events long activities from Feb. 6 - 10. According to event organizers UPCD Dean Wenette G. Marcellana, Dr. UP Dentist Association Association pres dent Dr. Arnel L. Flores and incoming president Dr. Arnel G. Tagaroa Associations Exec. Sec. Dr. Jose Meyers of Australia and Dr. Regina Santos-Morales of the Philippines. It will also be highlighted by Research Methodology and Research Design Workshop on Feb. 7 at the UP College of Dentistry, and a grand gathering of the alumni, family members, staff and students of the UPCD with Batangas Gov. Vilma Santos-Recto as guest of honor and keynote speaker on Feb. 10 at the UP Baiang Manila. For inquiries, contact Dr. Aimee Dagaro at 981 1395-97 or 9802-8521/86. For the grand gathering on Feb. 10, contact Dr. Christy Lacanilao at 09189208801 / and Dr. Aimee Rivera at 09178045 51.

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WORLDBRIEFS

FBI admits hacker group's eavesdropping

WASHINGTON—The international hackers group known as Anonymous turned the tables on the FBI by listening in on a conference call last month between the bureau, Scotland Yard and other foreign police agencies about their joint investigations of the group and its allies. Anonymous posted a 16-minute recording of the conference call on the Web on Friday and crowed about the episode via Twitter. "The FBI might be curious how we're able to continuously read their internal rooms for some time now." An FBI official said Anonymous had said in fact hosted into the conference call or any other bureau facilities. Instead, the official said, the group had obtained an e-mail giving the time, telephone number and access code for the call. The e-mail had been sent on Jan. 13 to more than three dozen people at the bureau, Scotland Yard and agencies in France, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and Sweden. One of the recipients, a foreign police official, evidently forwarded the notification to outside account, he said, and it was then intercepted by Anonymous. **_New York Times News Service_**

Famine in Somalia over, UN says, but risks remain

ELDORET, Kenya—A bumper harvest and a surge in emergency food deliveries have improved conditions in Somalia to the point that the United Nations no longer considers the famine that has killed tens of thousands of people in the past year to be taking place, the organization announced on Friday. But conditions are still precarious. 250 officials are said, and more than 2 million people in war-torn Somalia still need emergency rations to survive, Somalia has lurched from disaster to disaster in the past 21 years, since the central government basically collapsed. Year after year it is one of the poorest, most violent countries, plagued by warring militias, bandits, warlords and pirates. **_New York Times News Service_**

US unemployment rate falls to 8.3 percent

THE HOPE wheels have lifted off the runway. Now Americans are waiting to see if the economy can truly get aloft. With the government reporting that the unemployment rate and the number of jobless fell in January to their lowest levels since early 2009, the recovery seems to finally be reaching US workers. The Labor Department's latest snapshot of the job market, released on Friday, makes clear that employers have been hiring more in recent months, with 243,000 net new jobs in January. The unemployment rate now stands at 8.3 percent, down from 8.5 percent a month earlier and 9.1 percent as recently as August. Economists were encouraged, though they expect some fits and starts along the road to recovery. **_New York Times News Service_**

US actor Ben Gazzara dead at 81

LOS ANGELES—Actor Ben Gazzara, known for his brooding tough-guy presence in dozens of films, television shows and stage productions over his long career, died of pancreatic cancer on Friday at a Manhattan hospital, his lawyer said. He was 81. A three-time Tony nominee for his stage work, Gazzara made his big break into film with his role as an ex-con killer in Otto Preminger's 1958 courtroom drama "Anatomy of a Murder." **_Reuters_**

Syrian forces shell city, killing over 200 people

BEIRUT—More than 200 people were killed in shelling by Syrian forces in the city of Homs, activists said on Saturday, as the UN Security Council prepared to vote on a draft resolution backing an Arab call for President Bashar al-Assad to give up power.

Death tolls cited by activist and opposition groups ranged from 217 to 260, making the Homs attack the deadliest so far in Assad's crackdown on protests which erupted 11 months ago, inspired by uprisings that overthrew three Arab leaders.

Residents said Syrian forces began shelling the Khalidiya neighborhood at around 6 p.m. on Friday using artillery and tanks. They said at least 36 houses were completely destroyed with families inside.

"We were sitting inside our house when we started hearing the shelling. We felt shells were falling on our heads," said Waheed, a resident of Khalidiya.

As news of the violence spread, a crowd of Syrians stormed the Syrian Embassy in Cairo in protest, and rallies broke out outside Syrian missions in Britain, Germany and the United States.

It was not immediately clear when Assad prompted Syrian forces to launch such an indiscriminate bombardment, just as diplomats at the Security Council were discussing the draft resolution supporting the Arab League demand for Assad to step aside.

Some activists said the violence was triggered by a wave of army defections in Homs, a stronghold of protests and armed insurgents whom Assad has vowed to crush.

"The death toll is now at least 217 people killed in Homs, 150 of them killed in the Khalidiya district," Rami Abdulrahman, head of the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, told Reuters, citing witnesses. "Syrian forces are shelling the district with mortars from several locations, some buildings are on fire. There are also buildings which got destroyed."

A Syrian activist said Assad forces bombarded Khalidiya, a key anti-Assad district, to warn other rebel neighborhoods. "It does not seem that they got it. Even if they kill 10 million of us, the people will not stop until we topple him."

The opposition Syrian National Council said 260 civilians were killed, describing it as "one of the most horrific massacres since the beginning of the uprising in Syria."

It added that it believed Assad's forces were preparing for similar attacks around Damascus and in the northern town of Ibn al-Haqbour.

Another group, the Local Coordination Committees, gave a death toll of over 200. It is impossible to verify activists' claims as the reports in Syria restrict independent media access.

Video footage on the Internet showed at least eight bodies assembled in a room, one of them with the top half of its head blown off. **A voice on the video said the bombardment was continuing as the footage was filmed.** **_Reuters_**

Nuke inspectors' visit to Iran a failure, West says

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates—US and European officials said on Friday that a mission by nuclear inspectors to Tehran this week had failed to address their key concerns, indicating that Iran's leaders believe they can resist pressure to open up the nation's nuclear program.

The assessments came as Iran's supreme leader lashed out at the United States, vowing to retaliate against oil sanctions and threats of military action and warning that any attack "would be 10 times vicious on the interests of the United States" than it would be for Iran.

While the inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), who returned to Vienna after a three-day mission in Tehran, said nothing substantive about their trip had swayed global powers to retreat, in Iran this week, diplomats believed on the trip said that Iranian officials had not answered the questions raised by the agency in November.

That report cited documents and evidence of experiments with detonators that strongly suggested Iran may have worked on methodologies to ram its nuclear fuel into warhead weapons and warheads. Tehran insisted its uranium enrichment activities are peaceful.

Members of the IAEA delegation were told they could not have access to Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, an academic who is widely believed to be in charge of key elements of the suspected weaponization program, and that they could not visit a military site where the agency's report suggested key experiments on weapons technology may have been carried out. **_NYTSI_**

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SLERS Ham: From ₱10 to ₱40M

By Myrna Rodrigues Co
Contributor

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—This city is known as the City of Golden Friendship for valid reasons. Cagayan ons are known to be gentle and genteel, cheerful and friendly even to strangers.

Cagayan de Oro is also home to an excellent ham-making tradition, which has spawned an estimated 40 plus ham makers, big and small.

Among the leading ham makers in this city is SLERS Industries which has come a long way from being the kitchen-based business it was in the 60s to the dynamic, global, multi-product enterprise it is now. The growth it has achieved was driven by modern systems and relentless product development.

There are two enterprising women responsible for what SLERS has become. Pely Mojica, the school teacher turned legendary cook who began ham-making for household use and then made a promising passage over-prise out of it, and her daughter Mercedes Pelaez Mojica who established systems, diversified production and marketing, and adopted food-making technology and international standards of quality.

Where it started

It began in Bukidnon in the '50s, recounts Erlo Pelaez, still pastry and chief at 62. Her husband, valet-senator Juan Cabal, was working for the Del Monte Pineapple Corporation, which was running its own hogs in the enterprise compound. It was also making its own American country-style ham and all families of the staff, both Filipino and American, were given one leg each every Christmas.

"I loved cooking and making all kinds of food stuff from scratch. I experimented with ham-making using the country-style ham as model." Eventually adopting the technology used at Del Monte, she came up with her own version. Combination American-style ham and Chinese ham. "Meaty, juicy and not too salty."

Pely would bring her ham to Cebu during Holiday family reunions, winning raves. Relatives and eventually friends ordered the ham every Christmas. Soon, Pely was making it on a year-round basis as her market increased.

In 1969, Pely established SLERS (an acronym that stood for the names of the five Pelaez children.)

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VENTURE began from ham-making for household and on a promising scrap-enterprise.

Leadership breakthroughs

John C. Maxwell

Slers Ham: From P10 to P40 million

FELT Pelaez began Slers in 1985.

The judges, flanked by Mansmith Chairman Josiah Go and Mansmith President Chupi Escareal Go, from left to right: **Tennyson Chan** (Chief Executive Officer of Monty Fresh Group), **Perry Mogar** (President and Managing Director of Tupperware Brands Philippines, Inc), **Emily Abrera** (Chairman of the Board of Children's Hour and Cultural Center of the Philippines)

CPK owner goes into Chinese venture

By Vanessa B. Hidalgo

ARCHIE Rodriguez was not a Chinese food fan. Until he was introduced to BF Chung's.

"I couldn't get the food out of my mind," he says. He drew thoughts of the possibility of bringing his experiences to Manila.

Rodriguez, owner of California Pizza Kitchen and Overland Road, is the president and CEO of Global Restaurant Concepts, Inc. He has made it his business to nurture, develop and operate unique and innovative restaurant concepts.

After three years of preparing, presenting and endless dialogue with the business group of BF Chung's, he finally opened the first branch in Alabang Town Center. Also, their first Chinese fare is now on here.

When asked about how much do franchise costs, Archie says that he wishes the information to be kept confidential. Although, he adds "that the fees were commensurate to our expectations of the brand and its management team."

Though he admits that Global Restaurant Concepts is still small compared to other players, he is confident that his company will continue to add a unique variation to the Filipino palate in the near future.

What makes BF Chung's so different from other Chinese restaurants in the world? Philip Chiang, one of the founders of BF Chung's, says that it "all boils down to good food."

In that Chinese roots, only the freshest ingredients are allowed in the kitchen. Also lately, no sprinkling of monosodium glutamate (MSG) in their dishes.

The philosophy of "you order it, we cook it" is upheld. And they try to offer the best of both worlds.

With the familiar taste of Chinese food mixed with a bit of "contemporary twists," BF Chung's offers a unique cultural experience that makes diners keep coming back for more.

This is precisely what Rodriguez wanted to share to the Filipinos—whom he describes as people who love to eat and are not afraid to try on new dishes.

"I wanted to bring the concept of good food to Asia," he says. "I was lucky that their grasp was into international expansion," Archie adds.

BF Chung's now has more than 200 locations across the US, and branches in Mexico, Puerto Rico and the United Arab Emirates.

Going back to their food, the menu influenced cuisine of lemon dishes that are not only soy greasy and will not make you feel bloated at the end of the meal.

"We do try to get the best ingredients from all over the world," says Chiang. Be sure that among the many sectors of good food is in its preparation. He also disclosed that their chefs do not use western knives rather they use Chinese cleavers to maintain the freshness of each ingredient.

To date, BF Chung's has been serving good food for 39 years. It was in 1961 when Philip's mother started serving Cantonese food. Years later, he followed his mother's footsteps and ingrained on it.

He was running a new other Chinese restaurants in Beverly Hills and West Hollywood when fellow restaurateur Philip Fleming approached him with an idea.

Together, they opened the first BF Chung's in 1993 in Scottsdale, Arizona. Sharing their visions, they also shared their creativity using Chinese Mandarin as the company's name. The name BF stands for Philip/Fleming, this is also a symbol of their partnership. "But he forgot the letter 'F' in Chiang. So it became just 'Chung,'" he laughs.

But now Chiang is no longer involved in business transactions. "I am more involved in the food," he says. Being the "cultural ambassador of the company," he makes sure that the taste of BF Chung's in Los Angeles is the same with their branch in Alabang Town Center.

Among the dishes that Philip Chiang developed for BF Chung's were inspired by cuisine from different regions of China: Peking or Mandarin, Cantonese and Hunan. Taria Western Province of China. "We just try to be consistent with our food every day," he adds.

But he adds that it's not only good food that makes a restaurant successful. Quality service also plays an important role in its success.

This is perhaps the reason why Rodriguez planned in 21 stations from the US to whip into shape the 150 Filipinos who will serve BF Chung's signature dishes.

Among these dishes are Chang's Chicken (orange flavor), Mandarin Beef made from 10 Angus beef caramelized in the wok with garlic and scallions.

Alongside BF Chung's, Rodriguez wants the Filipino diners to share the same regard. "I'm sure we had five years ago at BF Chung's. Like us, I want them to keep discovering the fantastic dishes on the menu," he says.

BF Chung's will soon open its doors in various locations in Metro Manila: Greenhills, Mall of Asia, Shangri-La Mall, Greenhills and Fort Bonifacio.

Archie plans to open eight restaurants in five years. "Soon, we would like to open in Cebu and Davao," he adds.

EACH BF Chung's store in the world has a uniform design.

BF CHUNG'S director for International Marketing Groups Pte Ltd. (left), BF Chung's restaurant co-founder Philip Chiang, BF Chung's president for Global Brand Development Mike Wilborn and Global Restaurant Concepts, Inc. president and CEO Archie Rodriguez.

Savoring Success with Waffle Time and BPI Family

Best Franchise Brands Now

PROUD of its 11 years of continuing success as the food-cart business, Waffle Time makes perfect timing on its plans for local and international expansions as it recently partnered with BPI Family Savings Bank (BFSB) through its program, BPI Family Ka-Negosyo.

"It's a strategic step for Waffle Time to partner with BFSB because it's another support for expansion and expansion of our network," shares Grace Bandiao, Vice President, Waffle Time.

In 1998, Waffle Time pinpointed its success with a promising venture and later became an established and trusted name in the food-cart business. From Iloilo City, Waffle Time started to expand in the country by branching out to Metro Manila, Cebu, Cagayan de Oro, Davao and Bagiuan cities.

With its thrust to provide convenience to people on-the-go, Waffle Time continued to offer a wide variety of flavourful snacks while continuing to innovate products to meet the demands of its dynamic market. In 2008, Waffle Time opened its doors to franchising. A year after Waffle Time lowered the carp diameter of Metro Manila by conducting a simultaneous launch of six outlets in all major LRT and MRT stations. Waffle Time also started its broadcast media exposures that year.

With now over a total of 100 outlets nationwide of which 80% a franchise owned, Waffle Time continues to unfold growth. Today, with its eight (8) outlets in Indonesia, Waffle Time plans to open further by reaching further to Mindanao and later on, penetrate the Asia Pacific region.

Waffle Time's vision of expansion is a promising aspiration, now with the best business partner they could find. BPI Family Ka-Negosyo. Bandiao continues, "Visibility is a strong ingredient in our business that we take pride in. Covering other areas in the Philippines, especially in Mindanao, is now a priority to maintain the strength of the brand. With BPI Family Ka-Negosyo, we are more confident that we can even reach further success and be able to bring our brand all over Asia Pacific."

Waffle Time is one of the best and brightest negosyos that has been recently included in the BPI Family Ka-Negosyo Best List program. The program gives accredited franchise brands exclusive perks and privileges such as the an evaluated Franchising Loan, preferential exposure for bank marketing endeavors, and shorter loan processing time for first franchisees.

"BFSB shares with every negosyante the desire to get further and be a step ahead on the business. Through the Ka-Negosyo program, we are committed to bring more success and opportunities to our partners," shares Vic Lanzanas, President, BFSB.

Photo shows (L-R) BFSB SP and Ka-Negosyo Loans Division Head, Gladys Flores; BFSB President, Vic Lanzanas; Waffle Time VP for Operations, Grace Bandiao and Franchise Manager, Cathereen Joy Palencia.

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The tale of the furniture man

THERE'S always a story behind that gorgeous coffee table or the great comfort provided by the family couch—it is these stories that make the piece worth more than its price tag.

Rufino C. Arendain, founder of RDF Furniture & Interior, has lived and breathed the world of furniture since the 1980's. And his journey brought him from being a simple carpenter to a successful furniture shop owner.

"I started as an apprentice in upholstery," relates Rufino Arendain or Mang Rudy as he is fondly called. "Binuga-alagaan ko ng mabuti at dinesenyo ko nang carpentry work. O sinubukan kong mag develop ng craft," he says. It's certainly quite a jump from a graduate of a vocational course in tailoring.

There's a certain bit of magic in Mang Rudy's life. Of course, like every story, the hero goes through trials, adventures so it has all kind and a realization of what the Universe has planned for him.

After a year in Saudi Arabia as manager of a furniture shop, he **missed himself with excessive expenses** and later savings and he was soon ready to embark on a new business venture.

"Sa bahay lang ako nagtrabaho **...sa garahe. Also long story** cuz O started in the garage of my home). I did everything from upholstery, carpentry and finishing ...and yup seriously," he says.

Gifted and artistic, the endeavor proved to be a first because a thriving enterprise. Mang Rudy invested in store tools, hired officer skilled carpenters, and like all other start-ups, involved his partner—lifelong mate and wife, Evelina or Ming for

When not minding each delivery or shipment, you can spot Ming at Glenwyn, wrapping the spare parts," shares Ming, like of her husband. Meanwhile, her role was handling the client side of the business. "Dumaraan din ako ng mga karinderya at window shopping more," she laughs. A teacher by profession, she asked her husband to teach her how to sew to augment the family income.

FRIEND Rudy visits his wife...Ming Bio

Despite the hardships and their busy schedule, the couple still found the time to raise their family. They have seven children, and most are now involved with the business. Franklin, the eldest, is an architect and oversees the division of the business.

Daughter Eva, on the other hand, is a designer who attends meetings with the clients and handles accounts. Lorie, his other daughter, is the one who manages their Guadalupe store. These days, the newsbirth's have come from just a garage for work space, aside from their main showroom in Pasig, a store in Tiendesitas (Benjamin's Den is a haven of finds for furniture lovers), and a showroom in Tagaytay Ridge where they have a **beach resorts and sophisticated** homes/penthouse condos in Global Business Hub in Bay Bonifacio, Hotel St. Ellen, and Manila Grand Hotel, just to name a few.

Naturally, the real estate boom **was a big help in business.** Home and condo-unit owners were requesting their services. Most residential clients come from well-known names in the showbiz, politics and society pages.

Store-bought furniture—from large chain hotel groups to co-boutique hotels—wanted RDF to do their furniture.

"We have clients who show us imported catalogs or a designer from their hometown abroad, and we try to replicate—but not copy, the piece for their home," shares Arendain.

Every story has supporting characters to help the hero in his quest. When Photoshop approached them ten years ago, things left into place.

"We had a lot of fears in borrowing. It's a big thing to be trusted by the bank and be granted a loan," says Mang Rudy. Partly lack of knowing how a loan was, help them and the responsibility involved, stopped them for the longest time.

The long unpublished pag uwi ng ahas," he explains. "Five strong negatives so kinuha makapag loan, ang dali na pala!-but it pakawalan ang business dahil may kapital...everything you can think of is possible."

The fears disappeared. "After banks nine year ups...last was Planterbank. 'Which is why we also try our hardest to fulfill our end of the bargain and keep a good credit status," he says. Although hardwood and wife entered, the magic doesn't stop, both are confident that their seven children will be able to handle the reins and make the business grow.

Meanwhile, Ming Rudy has more free time to design and go back to his first love, upholstery.

Being a self-made man, he believes in rewarding employees handy and hard work. "Syempre, dyan ako galing kaya alam ko," shares Mang Rudy. "Sa totoo nan that we pay them on time," chimes in Mrs. Arendain, knowing the trials of a carpenter's family.

It's been more than 40 years since the beginning of RDF's story. Like their furniture, Mang Rudy and Ming Bienvenida strong, sturdy and timeless in their character. Most of all, the Arendain's show how daring to dream, showing up during adversities, and charging onward determines the outcome of the journey.

SLERS Ham: From P10 ...

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buy their meat products.?

Han is still SLERS flagship products that chose behind it is chicharon, a product she did not imagine producing. It was a series of bad luck turned good which led her to the product. She recalls how:

A side story:
SLERS chicharon

In 2005, the company was in a quandary when major meat suppliers, which used to deliver meat already cut according to SLERS' specifications, closed down. Mercedes was forced to buy whole hogs from a farm and have them slaughtered. The arrangement worked well enough, except that she was stumped what to do with pork skin. At first she tried to sell them to chicharon-makers but they would only stretch so much.

"There I was with a ton of pork skin," she chuckles. "I went online and googled 'chicharon making'" and there bought a DVD from TLRC which basically gave instructions on how to cook a bits of pork skin in a little camping not a ton of it." She took things in to her own hands, cooking in her kitchen and learning about the ins and outs of operations. "Mahilig ako sa mga experiences," she remembers.

Today, chicharon is one of SLERS' fastest growing products. It has become so popular the company now has to buy pork skin from abroad to cope with demand.

Rewards

All the hard work and innovations seem to be reaping rewards for Mercedes.

Last year, she was cited as one of the "Inspiring (100) Entrepreneurs" by the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (PCE) which was the Go Negosyo campaign.

But the biggest reward for her is being able to provide a livelihood for many of her fellow Cagayan-ons who she considers her extended family.

When Tropical Storm "Sendong" devastated 1,250 late December, she started ask-outs for workers, some of whom failed to report to work during the first weeks following the deluge.

As it turned out, 23 of them were badly affected. She bought them food and relief goods and helped make sure they were evacuated and sheltered.

SLERS is now implementing a continuing program for the psychological debriefing of its workers who were victims of the disaster. The company also organized soup kitchens and food stations for the larger community of victims and donated three container for the evacuation centers.

Mercedes concludes her narrative with a tribute to her mom, Dely Delaro, who began the business.

"Over the years, my mother's cancer became the guiding force of SLERS. We raised by **the quality she has always insisted on.** And with innovation, **we are making sure we pass** [sic] **it on to the next** with. "

"I still owe to my mom for advice now and then," she humors to add.

(The story of innovation of SLERS Ham is among cases to be featured in an upcoming book by the Small Enterprise Research and Development Foundation on 'Product Strategies of Small Businesses." For other entrepreneurial success stories and start-your-business and improve-your-business how-to's, look on BUSINESS sections at www.sm.ph.org.)

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Immap: Digital marketing going real time

By Rica T. Chichioco

COMMABIS must prepare for real-time engagement with consumers, who have more ways to go online than ever, according to Manny Bermejo, who was recently sworn in as president of the Interactive and Mobile Marketing Association of the Philippines (Immap).

Mobile is key growth factor. "We notice that there are new online consumers coming from grey mobile access—there is a resurgence of Multiply subscribers supporting Internet browsing," Bermejo says.

Tablets and other devices are also seen to get cheaper, while software and applications compete for domination. As such, companies must maximize social media through various screens and across different points of the day.

"Digital marketing is no longer a specialization as it now permeates and embraces almost every marketing discipline in today's business landscape," Fernando says. At the same time, he notes, digital marketers also need to protect consumers' trust in marketing campaigns conducted over the Internet, mobile phones, and other electronic means.

Privacy issues and identity theft are among present concerns, Fernando says. "We need to protect and uphold privacy concerns or else the consumers will lose trust with the campaigns," he says.

Relatedly, there are also concerns on cyber bullying and how digital interactions affect perception.

Fernando cites other trends that continue to influence digital marketing in the Philippines. "Wireless data will continue to grow as access rates become more convenient, user-friendly coupled with how smart phones and other connected devices become more affordable for more Filipinos," he says.

Other trends such as the emergence of Android as a computing platform, the maturity of group and social commerce sites, foldable/partial, local, android convergence, and the widespread promotion of brands through social media and online games were also predicted to happen this year.

Also unveiled as the theme are Immap's key industry initiatives this year that the newly inducted officers designed to "help further shape the strategic role of digital marketing in not only the business sector but also in our society," Bermejo says.

Key programs include the annual Immap Interactive Summit and Boomerang Awards, a series of Open Mic Nights inspired by last year's successful networking event, a digital marketing expo in the fourth quarter, executive roundtable sessions, the expansion of the organization's successful Certified Digital Marketer Program (CDME) outside Metro Manila, partnership with the advertising industry's joint committee that will establish and define a common measurement currency for digital marketing initiatives, and the creation of an updated Code of Ethics and Regulation Guidelines.

The CDMP is an 11-week diploma program. Participants who have successfully completed the coursework program can qualify to be recognized by Immap as a certified digital marketer who can help companies establish and widen their—and their brands'—online presence.

Bermejo, in his inaugural speech during Immap's recent membership meeting, says the organization's purpose has evolved over about 8 stained as a marketing association for Internet and mobile organizations.

"Now, we have a higher purpose to consider. Our new vision is for Immap to be the center of excellence and innovation in the Philippines entrusted by the advertising industry to shape the future of digital marketing," Fernando says.

Immap, now on its sixth year representing the digital marketing industry, is being led this year by Fernando, the president and CEO of MyMagazine, a subsidiary of the Inquirer Group of Companies. Also leading Immap are Neal John Ocha as vice president; Rodrigo Kaufmann of BBDO Guerrero Philippines as secretary; and Noreliyn Baldivia, vice president of Fleiz de Manila, as treasurer.

Joining Immap's board of directors this year are Arlene Inocencio, country ambassador and sales director of Yahoo! Philippines; Gani Cruz, program design and management head of BlueBlade Technologies; Leo Sioa-Asiones, general manager of Northeaster Asia; Shelton Gilmonte, digital group head of Smart Communications; Jack Madrid, country manager of Multiply Philippines; Eduardo Mapa Jr., president and CEO of Media Contacts/Havas Digital; Allie Palafox, general manager of Havas Digital; Carlos Palma, country manager of NetNang Philippines; TJ Respicio, general manager of DotnetKIDS; Twila Pineda, business development head of ABS-CBN; and JV Bullos, director for mobile of the Inquirer Group of Publications.

MANNY Fernando

Mobile is key growth factor

Hapinoy in World Economic Forum

MICROVENTURES Inc. president and co-founder Ram Issuree was recently in Davos to attend the World Economic Forum (WEF) Annual Meeting 2012 in Switzerland.

The meeting is a platform for initiatives and programs of the biggest and brightest minds in various fields, to engage business, political, academic and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas in improve the state of the world.

Hapinoy shares this honor with all those who have consistently believed in and supported the program.

The World Economic Forum becomes a stage to tell the Hapinoy story—the journey of the Unang Hakbang (starter) Sari-Sari ecosystem toward success, abundance, and happiness—with leaders and visionaries as its very engaged audiences.

Ram spoke during the forum's session on "Learning From The Frontier alongside some of the world's brightest minds" Ron Lutsi, executive chair of the board of directors, Hewlett-Packard, USA; Victor J. Zoas, president and chief executive officer, Duke University Medical Center and Health System, USA; Lee Kai-Fu, founder and CEO, Innovation Works, People's Republic of China; John Rice, vice chair, General Electric Company, Hong Kong SAR; and Reuben Mendam, executive director, Centre for Emerging Markets Solutions, Indian Institute of Business, India.

As the World Economic Forum is "committed to improving the state of the world," Hapinoy is likewise inspired and committed with its partners to changing lives by creating opportunities for the poor in the Philippines.

For more information on the World Economic Forum, please visit http://www.weforum.org/

Former dump in UP now a piece of paradise

A PIECE of land in Diliman, Quezon City, that once served as a temporary terminal and a dump behind the University of the Philippines campus is now a destination of love people, through self power and cooperation, can make a wasteland a piece of paradise.

The Ilang (Sinsalan Nating Gunawan) Eco Center at the corner of Mariano Street and Katipunan Avenue was recently inaugurated and blessed by Fr. Jose Ramon Villarin, SJ, the president of Ateneo de Manila University. The inauguration was led by Susana "Susie" Durano-Guevarra, director and president of the Gawad Gawa Ang Ilang and the moving force behind the center's completion.

The center was built through the support and determination of Amie and Ning Pestañolen (cofounder Plan Bagong Buhay), Susie, the buildup where the Barangay Holy Spirit activities of the Super Maintype and the Pastol Recyclers' Club Livelihood Projects (another of Amie's initiatives) are held, there is a bright patch of green composed of vegetable plants where organic composting techniques are employed, a composting site, an area for reusable and recyclable materials, and even a small beehive.

"It was an uphill battle for us because some people do not care or choose to ignore what we are doing," Amie recalls. "Still, we need to continue educating them, that acts that are good for our environment will translate to long-term benefits for all of us."

'Good acts that are good for environment will translate to long-term benefits'

Sustainability

Amie helps the center become sustainable by buying the vegetables from the garden for use in the kitchens of her chain of restaurants. Cravings and its affiliates also order the handicrafts—bags, bracelets, night lamps and other items produced by women from recyclable materials.

Gradually, Amie has turned some skeptics into believers through her Super Maintongs, who are now productive members of society as a result of their embracing her Go Green advocacy.

Herbert Lacar, 39, of Barangay Sauyo, has been earning additional income for his family by making paper mâché for three years now. And she is proud to say that aside from the environmental and financial benefits, the gain is found with her children through her work.

"Before, I would spend my afternoons just watching TV. Now, I even get chance to help me finish my crafts, and they enjoy doing it with me," she says.

For 29-year-old Mary Anne Cadlu, a mother of two, the training she got from the Super Maintongs Livelihood Project helped her move on to a new phase in her life after separating with her husband.

"I have to admit that at first, I was a bit skeptical. I did not see the good reason why we have to do this. But as I finally worked, I got involved very often," she says.

RA No. 9003

Amie is happy that many people now see the positive side of the Solid Waste Management Act of 2000. It has been 11 years since this law was passed, yet despite the simplicity and clarity of its implementing rules and regulations, it still needs serious enforcement.

"But if the law won't pursue us, nature would surely will, and the penalty it will exact is more than what any manmade law can ever impose," Amie says.

"I will continue pursuing this advocacy so more people can become eco-warriors," she says.

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Girls (and gays) choose the hottest men in the Philippines

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS
Anton San Diego

WHEN I was asked to write about the top 10 hottest men in the Philippines, I was at first hesitant—not for lack of material, mind you, but because a list of this nature is always subjective. I would already hear the comments and the protests coming my way "Mine! No way!" Still, the topic was too interesting to drop.

I tried to be less subjective by involving as many people's

GIRLS & GAYS

The grace P-Noy found

DIDN'T PRESIDENT Aquino look like a 52-year-old teenager as he admired before the news camera that he's been dating Grace Lee? He seemed to be blushing, and had that bashful twinkle in the eyes. "Blushing?" he said. "Must be the lighting." (News video? Lighting?) Anyway, whatever, he couldn't mask the glee.

What can he be going for a President, who happens to be a bachelor, and a quietly wry comic. (No radio personality who happens to be 20 years old and Korean-born? If that can

Ladies Who Lunch
Eleanor Skinner
Sara Jacox

What can they have? Conversation and good chemistry —no matter the age gap

they have in common?

The conversation, as it turns out. How they can talk, or it endlessly, and discover there are so many things they can share and learn incredibly in common.

Compatibility and good chemistry, to shout. Each meeting a pleasant discovery. So counter the age gap.

If you're a man who's been both blessed—and challenged—by destiny, having that someone to leave support with certainly helps. And it helps even better if you're attracted to the person.

We've seen P-Noy linked to women from the time he was the presidential son, then congressman, senator, presidential candi-

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Girls (and gays) choose . . .

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Derek Ramsay makes the list, as usual. But guess whom Tessa Prieto-Valdes chose

FERNANDO: Eubel de Ayala and Dennis Ramos

JAKE: Abdilahi as Dario Tee

DEREK: Ramsay

BOBBY: Pinedo

choices to get a popular consensus. I sent an SMS to 25 of my friends (gals and guys), of different ages, careers and sexual status. I was just sure if they would respond, but when they did, I knew I was in for a fun search.

Most of the ladies asked me to be named be four of "husbands' and friends' reactions. Of course, if pressured to tell who choose who, I would tell—just kidding, ladies, relax.

When I asked Mandy Ramirez who she thought was hot, she named all her gay friends, so her list doesn't count. When I asked Carol Machuy-Garcia, she answered: "Only one. Charlie Cayanan!"

Two friends, who tried to score brownie points said, "Naness, you're on my list." I answered, "Aaaw!" And one of them texted back, "It's not about the looks, it's all so about the way one carries him self/ how he speaks, his soul, etc."

I guess those friends had a point. There are so many hand some and sexy men out there, especially in Hollywood, from the likes of Ryan Gosling and Jake Gyllenhaal to George Clooney etc. But the older you get, the more you realize that looks aren't so important; it's the inner to ward the person that counts the most.

If you don't believe me, just think about all the Hollywood marriages that did not work out: Johnny Depp, Sean Penn, the list goes on.

One perfect example of this type of a man is Derek Ramsay who is, in fact, on the top 10 list. He, with Fernando Eubel de Ayala and Fred Lavarguez, is in the top three. I had always thought Derek to be handsome and sexy, but he would not have been on my list had I not spoken to him at length to interview him.

A real charmer

I would tell you honestly that Derek is not only good-looking but a real charmer, intelligent, down-to-earth, and kind-hearted. So if there is one person who—by the will of the heavens—is for me, and for the others who picked him, as well, it's Derek.

Enough said. Based on the responses, here is my list of the 15 hottest men in the Philippines, according to what they do:

Businessmen

1. Fernando Eubel de Ayala
2. Fred Lavarguez
3. Dominic Ramsay
4. Derek Ramsay
5. Pedro Pancaldi
Bautista
6. Daniel Matsunaga
7. Abdel "Nar" Abdilkader
8. Borgy Manotoc

Sports

9. Neil Etheridge
10. Aaron del Rosario

Before you say why isn't so-and-so there, here's a second set of who made it to the list, compiled from all the text messages I received. Hey, even if they did not make it to the top 15, it's a kind of close to 100 million, they are noticed and given their due.

Aside: Augusto Eubel de Ayala, PhD and Dennis Evangelista and Aly Borromeo, Nate Berkey, Philippine Rugby Team, Gat Holgate, Richard Gomez, Carlos Bilardo, Gerald Anderson, Jericho Rosales, Norber Orcullo, Ejer Libay Villahermosa, Matteo Martelotta, Jim Paredes Bello, Hayden Kho, Piero Elizalde, Ting Elizalde, Dr. Lenny de Jesus, Neo Sandejas, Gary Valenciano, Paolo Lorenzo, Mateo Guidicelli, Dr. Randy Lupa, John Lloyd Cruz and Secretary Mar Roxas.

Want to know who rose of the hottest "it" girls in the country these? Here are Georgina Wilson's picks: Bangy Manotoc, Pinky Pinay, Nicole Rodriguez, Adrian Sotelo and Raymund Gutierrez (since he is a man, then Richard should be included, too, right, George?).

For Solenn Heussaff—Antoine Rondez, Adel Tamano, Luke Jacobigan, Paolo Pancaldi, Ajo Mayuga, Fernando Eubel de Ayala, Ernest Arnaiff, Bangy Manotoc, Adrien Semblat and her boyfriend, Nicolas Belaiche.

That concludes TNT this week. Watch out for next week's top 15 hottest mommies in the Philippines list. I know you can't wait. Be aware of the irresponsible, offbeat, funny, and "can't-believe-she-really-said-that-she-is-talking about-her-family" the one and only Tessa Valdes. So the 500th conversation goes like this.

TNT: "Hi Tessa! Writing an article on the hottest men in the Philippines. Can I get your list?"

TPV: "Ok , text you back!"

After a few minutes, her text came: "Pacqui Diegua, ha ha!"

The grace P-Noy found

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dine and none president. Yes, that's a lot of episodes spanning pathetic—and tele-ative—eras.

Who knows, this could be the grand—and final—episode in P-Noy's misplaced?

Happy birthday and Happy Valentine's, Boy! (Hell ha pa.)

Gone too soon

Gaze, lose, remember—that has been the work for us, with pain being the norm on P-Noy's love life, and loss the wrath of the Lopez family historian, **Raul Rodrigo.**

Raul was a tenacious chronicler of the history of the Lopez clan and its businesses. He was only 66 and suffered cardiac arrest. His death and the cause of it came as a surprise to family and friends. Even those not well-to-pass account parents of friends. He wasn't exactly old or unfit. He left behind wife Nancy and two children.

It must have been a poignant scene at the patriarch, Oscar Lopez—who at 88, has literally climbed mountains and rose still climb—a few more—mourned the wake of his young media who is gone too soon.

Retrieval of memories

Retrieval of a cherished and shared past—that was the wonderful surprise I had when, at the gym of the moment, I made the late Saturday night drive to see Sr. Thomas's College high school class reunion.

The place was surprisingly packed. As I wrestled my former classmates and batchmates sing, swing, rock and dance to the feel-good music of Nancy Reyes Lumen and her Rockin' 80s band, I realized how the room—dark and cramped as it was—must hold decades' worth of unique and individual joys, victories, heartaches, tragedies and deaths, and yet, that night, the batch was one solid remembrance of a cherished childhood and adulthood. It was one in celebration and "organic" that, one in gratitude for each life that has been lived and will continue to be lived.

As I watched all, I realized that our genuine gift was the grace of recognizing life's blessings and being grateful for them...big, small, desired or undesired, for prayers answered and left unanswered.

Marking the event was a vibrant Gang Agatón, visiting from California. The class banner very well how living has survived lupus and other ailments acclaimed in it, has undergone whatever experienced yearnings Stanford Medical Center could offer, and reconfigure the title of "survivor."

"I don't know why God has made me a magnet for all these," she said, laughing, looking on hip and pretty in her bohemian gypsy. It could be because Gang has the gift of laughter. Her history is courageous.

Tessa Jo Enriquez Lubiano I admired a few in the batch who, like Gang, have survived, even conquered, ailments, including cancer. Looking at them dance and laugh, you wouldn't guess what they've been through. What right do I have to complain about my ever-changing moods?

We roamed those in the batch who had passed away—Mel Dbox, Ines Gadili, Se Rayra, Nong Clara, Lea Constantino, Adrian Torres, Sarah Jamaera. Some of them were based in the US, and it was touching to learn how the trio-based classmates took turns in looking after some of them, or how they were at their side as they breathed their last.

Many of those living in the US flew in for the reunion—Pudy Gaddao, Leng Ferrera, Heather Tinson, Bella Sebiriano, Mimi Chua, Broad Enriquez, Teresita Mabelon, Cora de Guzman, Lourdes Ramos.

It was a time of remembering and reuniting. Nancy Reyes, the chief lessee for her adobe books, is enjoying her gigs with the band. With her you settled away from the family nest, she said. "I decided I will do what I've always wanted to do—play with the band." She added a "rockin' chair 'life'"—and how Nancy can sing. Client Odette Cuenco, who was from another batch, and the Music Hall-ing Co. did their set.)

Veda Rubio Abenes, one of the batch heroines in the class who later made a career in classical and choreography, remains one of the dedicated teachers-organizers and the director of class performers. Today she's also known as the owner of Philippine theater actress Rubeus, Alfred ("The Heights"), and Blake Abenes Blades is in the ongoing production of "Rivals" (of Antonio Lalili) at Resorts Theater.

The other ballerina, Blakes Charwell, continues to pursue her passion for dance—she's behind Philippine Ballet Theater and runs her Chartwell Ballet Academy in Parañaque and the British School. She obviously loves mommying—the rookie Monday to Friday mom's a pro.

If only to have seen again, after a good many years, classmates like Grace Cuenco, Luisa Vinuya, Khusy and Agnette Portella, Lulu Bunggal, Mila Guerrero, Chelsea Joaquin, Marilyn Alcantara, Cecile Dona-Chiong, Ruby Ramos, Ruth Ann Gumpal, Alek Reynounda, and my good friend, keep-you-from-fatty-batter, I was glad I skipped the Australian Open reunion—it's finals vs. be with women who, no difference from a Shampoo (8.01) or Antonella, are real-life glachesters.

Reunions are the social-climb-free-a-question that has pestered me all these years: How they managed to agree on the correct answers during our mental math drill...and drill! (to gum/paper!—every morning after the flag ceremony with our math teacher, as in 4x4=16, 9+9=18. So as not to get caught with the wrong answers that was when I first learned to lip-synch.

Genuine giving is not 'to give until it hurts,' but 'to give until it no longer hurts'

By Fr. Tito Caluag
Contributor

IN ONE of our annual eight-day exercises when we were theologians—the final stage of studies and formation for priesthood—Fr. P. Diordan, SJ, our retreat director, used this Sunday's Gospel to endorse the second week of the Spiritual Exercises.

He referred to this Gospel as a triptych that presents snapshots of Jesus' person...Jesus the man for others, Jesus the man of prayer, and Jesus the man with a mission.

Jesus and company enter the home of Peter presumably to take a break, after coming from the synagogue where Jesus has just preached and exorcised an evil spirit. But once he hears that Peter's mother-in-law is sick, he cures her.

This sequence is reminiscent of a quest for healing and exorcism. Jesus sets aside his plan to take a break, and instead attends to the needs of others.

Jesus the man for others shows us a person who readily sets aside his personal agenda to respond to the needs of others. It is easy to help others even when one is busy, but the real test is what the response demanded of us is to be others-centered, to set aside our personal agenda.

We were often told that genuine service and giving are not so much "to give until it hurts," but rather "to give until it no longer hurts." Selfless giving becomes second nature.

The quality of one's service and giving is being in solidarity with the needs, hopes and dreams, the fears and frustrations of those whom one serves.

The second snapshot, Jesus the man of prayer, is an event more impressive, quality-wise, than all the work and activity. Jesus seeks the solitude of prayer. He does not get caught in the business of life and work.

Mystical magic

There is always some mystique to the line, "Having very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed."

We read this several times in the Gospels. Often it is either before or after an important activity or event in the ministry or story of Jesus.

This second snapshot completes the two faces of Jesus, the man of prayer and action or, in ignatian parlance, the contemplative in action, or the Martha and Mary principle.

Many of us endeavor to live such a life, and many experience the difficulty of keeping the balance between prayer and action. When we experience the tension between the two, especially when one goes to extremes, we say we must regain our equilibrium.

The equilibrium integrates the two seemingly diametrically opposed aspects of our life. The key to equilibrium is in the third snapshot of Jesus—the man with a mission.

Notice how Jesus' sense of mission gives him great clarity before the temptation of success, or when the ego is stoked. As his disciples tell him, "Everyone is looking for you." Jesus is a rousing success! He is the rising star, the celeb who comes with authority and holds people spellbound, his reputation and popularity as a healer and exorcist precede him.

Yet to Jesus it is clear. "Let us go to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." It is his sense of purpose, his having a man with a mission, that gives him equilibrium and integration for being a man of action and a man of prayer.

Action, prayer, mission these are the elements that give our life a sense of wholeness and integrity. It is in our close bonds all these together.

In one of my last conversations, my dear mentor gave me one piece of advice, which I hold dear to his day. He was a man who held positions of leadership and power in the Jesuit hierarchy and at the service de Manila organization. Like his contemporaries, he was one of the brilliant administrator men in the golden age of Ateneo.

Lost humility

A few weeks before I left for studies in 1993 to prepare for my assignment as a priest, he told me that many of his last months in office, a very high position. I was inspired by his candor when he said that after years in the office he found I lost the humility of prayer.

Then he told me, "Remember two things, Tito, when you assume office. It is not so much the success that will matter in what you do, but how generously you do things. It is what you give, and not what comes out of it. This way you will always trust God both in the source and the end of it all.

"You will get to the point that when you are not successful, you are frustrated, people will stand up and greet you, few will get all the perks and prestige of the office. Just remember, it is not you it is the office. More important, it is not about you. It is not about us. It is about the mission."

It is about the mission. "Let us go to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." As Jesus the man for others and the man of prayer unite closer and closer to the fulfillment of his mission, these two elements integrated into that one moment of the Cross and the Resurrection, the moment of the Paschal mystery. His mission was fulfilled—"This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased. Listen to him."

Jesus the man for others, Jesus the man of prayer, Jesus the man with a mission—let us listen to him.

Fireworks, a birthday and a slugfest

CEBU—Bebbi Picazo once said, "It takes a long time to grow young." Madame Bebbi, president of both Kla Cebu and BBBK Cebu, who turned 29 last Jan. 22, may well know what he meant.

The cut-long celebrated the eve of her birthday with a hearty dinner over Icthanic Bites at Casitas Espanol, with closest friends and family before moseying over to The Penthouse for some welcome hello-and partying with his inner poise.

More fireworks was unleashed while moving to the mash-up music of Jaya Sensei's resident DJs. Many hours later—and to the shock of the celebrant—the rest planned them as they bounded out of the club.

Mr. 29-going-on-19 confided that although age is nothing but a number, words really shouldn't be wasted on the young. "We have to do this more often, you guys" were his parting words before heading home to sleep off what was left of his birthday morning.

Kaye G. Layon and Cybill Gayatin

SET IN CEBU

'We have to do this more often, you guys' were the celebrant's parting words before heading home to sleep

JAM Sala and Mark Jason Hidalgo, who infamously gave Floyd Mayweather a black eye during a sparring session

JOSEPH and Jean Clavero

CHRIS and Mia Aldaguer

CATHAY Pacific's Maggie Wong

MUNCHU Duero-Bolalin, Eddie Duero, Tina Duero

KLA BOXING Promotions president and CEO Michael Aldaguer

Fire in the Sky

We had barely recovered from Marianne's 18-hour celebration when we had to get ready to welcome the Year of the Water Dragon at Waterfront Cebu City Hotel and Casino with its annual Fire in the Sky celebration.

Joining the eyes of the Lion were Waterfront's general manager Alfred Ferrer, ordinary guests of honor Dragon Fireworks' Jonathan Gaisano, tech entrepreneur Wilson Ng of Ng Shui, and Cathay Pacific's area sales manager Maggie Wong, who moved here from Hk just last August.

After watching a traditional dragon dance and a phenomenal Visayas demonstration by the Manila Federation of the Philippines Cebu Chapter, we feasted on the generous spread of Chinese dishes at ESG restaurant, then headed over to the chic Deli bar to get the best vantage point to watch the spectacular fireworks display which just keeps getting better every year. This year's explosive eight-minute light show will definitely be hard to top.

Pinoy Pride backing

Also at Waterfront Hotel last Jan. 28 was "Pinoy Pride 16: Philippines vs. the World," the latest installment in KLA Boxing Promotions' mega successful boxing series.

Named after its founder, boxing aficionado Antonio L. Aldaguer, KLA Promotions is now run by his son, Michael, who has revolutionized the sport in the country and has succeeded in making the Philippines a part of the international boxing arena.

After talking to its vice president, Ormita Cabrera, we found out that KLA Boxing Promotions is the only organization in the Philippines to be associated with Top Rank—Manny Pacquiao's stable—and Oscar de la Hoya's Golden Boy Promotions.

As always, Michael's brothers, Jay and Chris, and their kids were there to support him and their father Chris, the youngest of the three brothers, was in high spirits, and when we commented on his nice golden tan, he was extremely pumped to reveal that his glow was a result of his training for the Bantam Title/Inter Youth Championship Series in Siquijor, which takes place today, the first tradition in nine years.

It was an all-out victory for the Philippines, as all five Filipino fighters overwhelmed their international opponents. One of the best fights of the evening was Mexican Diego "Tyson" Ledezma—iconic he has that nickname, really—subjected to one thunderattack by Lorenzo "Thunderbolt" Villanueva in the first round.

In the main battle, KLA fighter Mhar "El Mercales" Mirlado dominated Siwaiwa's Jean "Pentecha" Gaspay. Japanese cornerperson Shige Ikeda was heard telling his brother Takahiro, "That guy should win a Barrett" for his almost performance after a supposed low blow. The bout of the nearly 1,000 spectators, who obviously agreed with Shige and were clearly not amused by the Mirlado's antics, refused in the jam-packed ballroom.

The evening ended once again as 'Iwill' with everybody toasting the victory of Team Philippines.

She's marrying . . .

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have the patience and stamina for a long and untidy haul?

Your situation looks unsustainable on paper because your case is clearly not unique or unheard of—a young girl getting married to an old man. But, in your mind you've agreed to go through life with him, in spite of the misery? And what if he still carries a torch for your mother and actually wants to get to her through you—what now?

Are you sure you've tried every available means to get a better job? Remember the saying, "Death the Dying you into the Best" Or the Filipino saying, "mas hamog na, pumasok na sa sulop"

Long story short: things may not turn out as rosy as your dreams have it to be.

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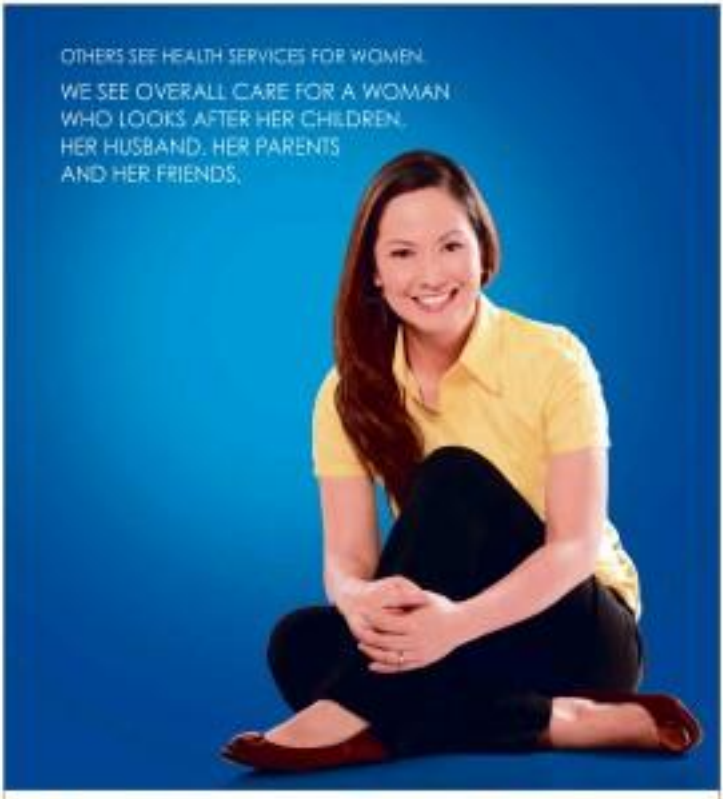

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Bronte and her bear, Raul and his 'soul father'

ROOTS AND WINGS

Cathy Babao-Gabalda

'He did not want to let Mr. Lopez down'

SERENDIPITY, I BELIEVE, is always God's way of showing the world His assurance. All we really need to do is discern, accept and wait for everything to come into fruition in His time. Of course, that is always easier said than done.

Two events this week made this clear to me. Many times I've balked at certain points in my journey, wondering why I need to face challenges and difficulties, only to find out that whenever an assignment is given, God provides not only for the present need but for the future ones, as well.

Take the case of writer and book author Raul Rodrigo, who passed away after a massive heart attack early this week at the young age of 48. His loss caught everyone by surprise—colleagues, classmates, but more importantly his wife Nancy and his two daughters, Isa, 17, who is graduating from high school; and Pia, 11, who's graduating from elementary school.

Raul and mother writer-editor, the Mercedes Abesamis, met as students at the former more than 25 years ago. Raul was the best friend of Ate's boyfriend at that time. Though the relationship ended, Raul and Ate's friendship did not. And what ensued was a productive 25-year partnership that spawned 52 books, seven of them about the Lopez family. It was Ate who had introduced Raul to the late Eugenio Lopez Jr.

In her eulogy the other night, Ate said, "...For most of what would eventually be 25 years that we worked together, I was Raul's confidant. Because by our deep, I would find people for him—ask the questions he wanted asked, negotiate for him, or just speak for him. Of course, in the later years, he learned to do all these by himself, but that's a different story."

Eventually, Raul would meet Oscar, Eugenio's younger brother, who was called the "family historian." Raul and Oscar felt it off very well, and An quoted Raul Montilla in describing the relationship between the two men—"There is a certain kind of peace that is not merely the absence of war. It's larger than that. The peace I am thinking of is not at the mercy of history's rule, nor is it a passive surrender to the status quo. The peace I am thinking of is the desire of an open mind when it engages another equally open one...I wouldn't follow the discussion most of the time but I could see the joy of the dance."

Raul, An said, felt like he was Oscar Lopez's son, and thus the elder Lopez was his soul father. He was very loyal to the family and An says he finished the manuscript of the last book in secret about the Lopezes a week before his sudden death. "He did not want to let Mr. Lopez down."

Late night on the same, Raul's "soul father" did visit his son. Bronte, other Raul's daughter, were graciously provided with college scholarships to the names by the Lopez family.

Bronte's bears

In another part of the city, parenting a son with a very bright and precocious boy girl named Bronte. Bronte, her mother and father have been living in Manila, at the Mandarin Oriental, since November last year, moving shortly before Sendong struck CDO and Iligan. Bronte's father is the business manager for "The Boorne Legacy."

When the tragedy struck, Bronte and her mother Megan, a children's book author, were so moved and distressed by what had happened and wanted to do something for the children, but they did not exactly know what and how to go about helping.

A few weeks ago, while having coffee at Starbucks, Bronte's dad found a flyer for the Thousand Bearings project that I, with the Rizal Drexel Project, had joined hands on. He brought home the flyer, gave it to Bronte, and Bronte it. Bronte created a three-minute video on Youtube called "Bronte and Frank's first seven-and-a-half year-old teddy bear Typhoon Toy Drive" that, as of this writing, has generated 3,000 plumbers from various parts of the US. View the video to better appreciate Bronte's appeal for the children of CDO and Iligan. It's a video she made herself.

Mandarin Oriental has been a very dear among the hotel employees and provided the space in the house the bears and other stuffed toys as they arrive. Bronte and her mother are overwhelmed by the response to Bronte's video. Her elementary school in Beverly Hills alone has been able to gather more than 300 stuffed toys in a week. "We have bears coming from all over!" Bronte tells me.

She's a well-traveled child, as her father's job has taken her to exotic places such as Moscow, Budapest, Cappadocia, Milan, London, Bali.

Bubbly and bright, she reminded me of "Olivia," who happens to be her favorite book character.

Megan and Bronte are looking at collecting 3,000 bears from all over the world. That's thousands of bear hugs for the children of CDO and Iligan later this month.

Locally, our own Thousand Bearings project was able to post 2,300 bears and plushies to be brought to CDO and Iligan on or around Valentine's Day. We are finishing the bears' transport in their new sweaters.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much to everyone who made this project so awesome success—it has gone far beyond what we expected.

E-mail cathybabao@gmail.com. Follow her on Twitter @cathybabao.

She's marrying her mother's ex-boyfriend

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marces

DEAR EMILY,

I am a 43-year-old single mom to an eight-year-old daughter. My husband died eight years ago, before my daughter's birth, and we've been living with my parents since. I am working as a school nurse and my salary is really not enough for us.

My problem started when I met an 83-year-old divorced American guy who was introduced to me by a friend. She said this guy wanted to meet me, but she warned me that he is old enough to be my father.

When we finally talked, I found him interesting, with a sense of humor, and dearly old. When he proposed, I readily said yes. I thought about the future of my child, as well as a comfortable life for my parents.

While we were talking, he said he was going to tell me something he didn't want to hide from me before our relationship deepened. He confessed that he was my mother's former boyfriend! I got cold sweat and was dizzy for a while, and when I came around, I asked him what went wrong.

He told me grandmother didn't approve of him then because he was a drunkard and a womanizer. My mother married a businessman instead, who is my dad.

I will be getting my 6-month's visa in eight months, and I don't know how to tell my mother about him. I am now worried about the future of my daughter.

—BURDENED

I'm you need money that badly to be getting married to the old guy?

Your mother must be around your boyfriend's age by now. Ask her if she ever met this certain American. Then let her see how she remembers him. Could her memory of him still be lucid, you think? If the recollection your together with you, read slowly and ask how she feels about him now. But if she sounds ambivalent, go for it and tell her. The divorce clearance becomes one points to still a straight line. Tell her exactly what your plans with him are.

How sure are you that your future and your daughter's will be secure with your marriage to this old guy? Have he must know that you are succeeding to be the sexual experience, to be comfortable in the your negro daddy? Have he studied every enough cash to give you two a life of comfort?

You are a nurse, and you must know how comforting and assuring that is to an 83-year-old man. Face it—imagine home care! He may not look his age, but how long before you're 60-ish years breaking down? Are you prepared to give him the care he will need? Will you have the devotion he will be expecting from this marriage? Do you.

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THE POWERADE Tigers team and coaching staff join Powerade host brand ambassadors Ria de la Cruz, Chingsap Andrada and David Samaral, Coca-Cola Philippines' SMC director Yasmin Mallari, marketing director Arabia Saharonimuddin, Group Brand Manager for Hydration Tuqua Garcia, Tea and Hydration director Sharon Tangunco

Mamma Mia! Tickets are selling like hotcakes, and Ramos said the show is expected to carry on for a long time. "We're looking at a minimum of 100 shows," he said.

Ramos said the show's producers are also looking at bringing the musical to Greece, but that will depend on the success of the Manila run

German government grants Cross ...

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and Energy Efficiency held at the Manor Pelo Plaza Hotel. Sponsors were the following: Goethe Institut, the Department of Energy, GIZ for International Cooperation, the Association of United Filipinos Trained in Germany, and the German Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Chinese consul bids farewell

The Consul General of the People's Republic of China and He Shijing hosted a farewell reception at the ballroom of the Manor Pelo Plaza Hotel. He said: Cebu has been the highlight of his diplomatic career, which has spanned 35 years.

"I have made many friendships here in the past four and a half years," he said. "And I have seen the progress as evidenced by the economic booms and the increase in traffic."

He paid tribute to his lovely wife who has helped him carry out his duties. To climax his goodbye he used a typical Cebuano phrase, "dri na ko."

Abante tayo," Cebu City Mayor Michael Rama answered onto the microphone, a usual answer which many translate as "not just yet."

Cebu Governor Gwendolyn Garcia looked back on Consul General He Shijing's stint in Cebu as one where he did "all the good you could do; your performances has been admirable."

Then, in Chinese she said a few words she herself translated as, "Cebu loves you... farewell... take care..."

A couple of weeks later the Chinese Consulate hosted a big reception at the Grand Convention Center to celebrate the Chinese New Year to advance, it was also an occasion for the Cebu community to meet the new Consul General, Zhang Mingjun and his wife Chen Liaoming.

On Jan. 23 at 10 a.m., Consul General and Zhang were special guests, along with Governor Garcia, at the grand Chinese New Year celebration held in the Shangri-La. General manager Joachim welcomed them all until led them to "Tet of Spring, the season's Chinese special- ty restaurant where a magnificent feast for most served.

At the evening at 7:30 p.m., the action shifted to the lobby of the Manor Pelo Plaza Hotel for the entertainment being aided roasting ceremony.

General manager Hans Hanel and his wife Ilse welcomed a large group of VIPs who trooped to the hotel's Café Marco for a sumptuous Chinese buffet.

Rep presents comedy 'Leading Ladies'

REPERTORY Philippines presents the hit comedy "Leading Ladies," written by Ron Ludwig. The show runs Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. with shows on Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., and matinee shows on Saturdays and Sundays, 3:30 p.m., at Onstage, Greenbelt 1, Makati.

"Leading Ladies" is about Leo and Jack, two British actors whose careers are so far on the skids that they're performing "Scenes from Shakespeare" on the Mount Lodge circuit in Pennsylvania's Amish country. They think their luck might change, however, when they hear about Florence, an old lady in a nearby town who is about to die and leave a considerable legacy to her nephews from England.

Leo convinces Jack that they should impersonate the twins. Their Scarborough plan fells a snag, though, when they arrive on the scene and realize the woman's long-lost relatives are sisters and not nephews.

Cast: Jaime Fabregas as Leo, Topper Fabregas as Jack, Eric Villamor as Meg, Stanislaw Cromper as Audrey, Jonna Villanueva as Duncan, Joan Rosario as Florence, Hero Echeton as Butch and Cheri Gomez as Doc. Michael Williams directs.

Tickets are priced at P600-P800. Call (+632) 521-4041 or email onstage@repertoryph.com. Visit www.facebook.com/repertoryph.

Travel photography workshop

Filipinas Heritage Library offers "Lens from the Photography Experts: Travel Photography" workshop. A whole-day photo shoot is scheduled on Feb. 19 in Taal, Batangas. There will be a pre-lecture and post-shoot critiquing Feb. 18 and 23 at 6-9 p.m. Resource person is Gunther Deichmann, an award-winning Australian photographer. Registration is until Feb. 9. Call 892-1604, 0917-5594417, visit www.filipinasheritage.org.ph.

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German government grants Cross of Merit to Cebu rescue-and-shelter project

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Cebu

Jaime Piccovell

GERMAN AMBASSADOR Dr. Joachim Feldkers recently visited Cebu with his wife Anna Maria and their little daughter Joana. This was their first visit to Cebu, as well as their first trip out of Manila, since their arrival in the Philippines last September.

The ambassador presided over a ceremony held at Aldea Zaragoza of the Casino Español de Cebu to confer Germany's Federal Cross of Merit on Fr. Heinz Bollmann, SVD. Fr. Heinz is the superior for southern Philippines of the Society of the Divine Word association. He is a full-time professor of Philosophy at the University of San Carlos in Cebu.

The Cross of Merit has been conferred on him in recognition of 25 years dedicated to the cause of "Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation." Father Heinz has established a rescue-and-shelter project that ministers to poor children who live among trashs in cemeteries, as well as scavengers in dump sites and victims of the sex trade.

Dr. Franz Schlosselmeier, Germany's Honorary Consul in Cebu, gave the welcome remarks at the start of the program, and introduced Ambassador Feldkers, who handed Fr. Heinz.

As he said, "Often true happiness is found in dedication to one's fellowmen. Truly, this is a very special occasion."

In his acceptance speech, Fr. Heinz humbly stated that he would like to share the recognition with the team he works with. He said the ministry started with just a handful and now they are 70 strong.

David Steinkellad, prominent German businessman, handed Fr. Heinz a donation on behalf of the expat Erni Eisenwood of which he is the CEO. Ambassador Feldkers then proposed a toast with excellent Veuve Clicquot champagne.

In attendance from the University of San Carlos were Fr. Tony Sales SVD, vice president for academic affairs, and Fr. Eugene Hosay, SVD, executive director of the rescue and shelter project.

Also present were prominent members of the German community like businessman Jurgen Prody, Joachim Schiertz, general manager of the Shangri-La in Makati, and Klaus Grunding, general manager of the Shangri-La Hotel, also in Makati.

Add to them business columnist Johnny Hernandez, Andy Estrada, representing GIZ, and staff from the German consulate in Cebu—Elbert Mamerto and Jocelyn Jean Ortland from the Casino Español to organize the smooth flow of service were hotel and beverage director Marina Cordina and Angeli Galay, in charge of events.

While in Cebu, Ambassador Feldkers took time to deliver a speech at the International Conference on Renewable Energy

GERMANY'S honorary consul Dr. Franz Schlosselmeier, Rev. Fr. Heinz Kulueke, SVD, Anna Maria Feldkers, German Ambassador Dr. Joachim Feldkers

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Remembering Iggy–my father

How well he loved us–and how good that love made us feel

ABOVE: with his newborn grandson some years ago

By Dina Arroyo-Tordesa
Contributor

THE IRONY of life. I have never understood this cliché more so than I do today.

As I celebrate the beautiful birth of our third child, I find myself simultaneously having to grieve the painful loss of my loving father. Countless times I've heard people's consoling words: "He is in a much better place today." While I appreciate the sympathy and I know in my heart that it is true, it can't erase the heartlessness in my mind of my father never having been able to hold his newest

ADVERTISING 11

When the sportsman married the model

Paolo Trillo and Rissa Manamquil tie the knot with luminaries of the fashion and sports worlds in attendance

NEWLYWEDS Paolo Trillo and Rissa Manamquil-Trillo

LAST OCT. 15, Ateneo men's basketball team manager and Finance line owner Paolo Trillo tied the knot with Rissa Manamquil, model, former president of the Professional Models Association of the Philippines (PMAP), and Pond's brand ambassador.

The ceremony was held at the Consecration of The Peninsula Manila, and presiding Rite was officiated by Fr. Tito Caluag.

In a Randy Ortiz black dress fit tuxedo, Paolo eagerly awaited his bride, as his parents—legendary DLSU team captain, former sports analyst, and Alaska Aces team manager Joaquí Trillo and BIR senior vice president Imelda—stood by his side.

WHEN THE SPORTSMAN 11

TRILLO family (seat mate) Mike Javier, Brian Van Ormer, Chesca Trillo-Van Ormer, Amelia Trillo, Paolo Trillo, Joaqui Trillo, Carlo Trillo, Ria Tanjuaco-Trillo, Luigi Trillo (front) Ariana Van Ormer, Kevin Trillo and Hilot Trillo

MANANQUIL family: Valerie de los Santos, Raya Mananquil, Mikki Mananquil, Rissa Lim Boon, bride Nina Mananquil, Robert Mananquil and Bobby Mananquil

When the sportsman married the model

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With them to the end of the aisle were Rissa's parents, best woman and former Ms Phil. Tatiana Mae Magno, Robert Mananquil and Liberty's editor Mikki Mananquil.

The bride floated down the aisle in a beautiful multi-layered princess-cut headless tulle and Chantilly lace gown by one of Manila's favorite bridal designers, Randy Ortiz, with makeup by Mickey Ten.

Principal sponsors of the couple were Henry Pangilinan, Tessie Sy-Coson, Ben Chan, Nesly Tantoco, Miguel Belmonte, Vicki Belo, Lance Gokongwei, Marissa Cristobal, Jerry Campos and Annie Koefia.

Cocktails were served at Peninsula's upper lobby, and reception followed at the Digadon Ballroom of The Peninsula Manila. Guests were greeted by floral arrangements by Dream Florals. Wedding photographer was Ilonna Reyes.

Smooch and seamless

Mentor and dear friend Jackie Aquino, together with his JCS Productions team, kept everything smooth and seamless for the newlyweds. TV personality Toni Yap and sportscaster Patricia Bermudez-Hizon hosted the wedding reception.

Rissa's second wedding gown by Rhett Eala featured Mikado silk with tulle overlay, bugle bead tassels and a sequined body in ivory. To cap off the program, a Bob Thorton video masterfully captured the couple's perfect day. Guests danced the night away with the music of DJs Jon Herrera and Franz Lumasing.

Fashion industry stalwart Inno Sotto was present, even praising the bride for her walk down the aisle as "her best walk ever." Former PMAP board members and fashion luminaries Tina Monteverde-Ocampo, Issa Gonzalez-Aguiza, Beatrix Verdadero-Abesamis, Marissa Benipayo, Ruby Bimbo, Tawnia de Leon-Gonzalez, Myrna Shaw, Dee Abesamis, Flaire Mancenido, Grace Medina and Ariel Arandia attended.

Current PMAP president Phoenicia Sarmenta also came with Maralet's favorite models Grace Tagle, Bubbles Paraiso, Luke Jerbasi, Mia Ayson, Anaya Smith, Mika Lagdameo-Marmers, dominicator Ivarina Guanzon, Angel Aguirre-Co and Marlen Fuentivo-Montenegro.

Not to be missed were fashion luminaries Trina Valdes, Raymond Isaac, Lulu Tan-Gan, Hiro-a Calayag, Danilo Nocum, Victoria Bartha, Patrice Ramos Ilarde, JC Buenaflor, Bobby Carmona, Patrick Bonin, Ronald Pineda, Marco Pennacio, Ray Lamadrid and JR Isaac.

From the world of sports, Ateneo men's basketball coach Norman Black and his players Kiefer Ravena, Thirdy Ravena, Ateneo women's basketball coach Tonichi Gorospe, Frank Golla, Gping Stonebraker, Von Pessumal and JP Erram attended.

Aside from the current team of Ateneo Blue Eagles, former players Chris Tiu, Doug Kramer, JC Intal, Nicky Escalera and Jai Reyes were present. Sports heavyweights Alaska president and CEO Fred Uytengsu, PBA sportscaster Quinito Henson and former PBA player Vince Hizon attended as well.

THE COUPLE'S first dance. The bride changed into a Rivini Atelier mermaid silhouette bridal gown for the reception. It's made of Mikado silk with tulle overlay, bugle bead tassels on the chest and sequined body in ivory.

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AT BIANCA'S MBA graduation ceremony

IN SAN Francisco with Bianca and the author

IGGY with daughters Bianca, Zoie and the author Dina

Remembering Iggy—my father

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grandchild in his arms.

Our children are far too young to know the kind of man my father was. And decades from now, they will read about him in history and history may unfortunately offer them an unfaithful picture of who and what he really was.

So I muster the strength to pen this remembrance to share a glimpse of the Iggy Arroyo I knew because, in spite of and contrary to what had been said and written about him, he was a good man and a great father. He deserves the legacy of loving memories, not a tainted reputation that, to this day, remains unproven and unjustified.

My father had an indescribable spirit of hopefulness. On one hand, that quality of hope he possessed was so idealistic; it was almost naïve. I'm the writer, it was also unwavering. I could not deny the admirable wisdom displayed by his resolve.

It was this perseverance and faith so God that got him to relieve he was and kept him re- silient during the most trying times, whether personally or professionally. In the end, they provided him the comfort, confidence and peace of knowing that every- thing would be all right. In the countless times I'd run to him and cried over what I now realize were trivial problems, he al- ways comforted me by saying he was there for me and that we had each other.

THIS is the author's favorite photo of her dad—"a cool, stylish dude."

Calm and collected

To me, there was no problem my father could not solve. Any problem makes to him, he would have the answer. He instilled in us patience and wholemanship in facing life's complexities. And through his own manner of consistently being calm and collected, we learned the value of perspective.

He always taught us the significance of doing above mediocrity. My father had gone through many low points in his life, but had been able to bounce back with a better lease on life. He always said we would be able to survive through hard and honest work. He insisted on to be self-sufficient; he was strict at times, but only so we wouldn't be spoiled children.

He was a true lover of life. He embraced every moment and instructed himself in it thoroughly. He was extremely sentimental that way. I remember this little habit he had. Whenever he would go on a trip and we weren't with him, he would send a postcard saying he missed us and that he wished we were there to enjoy the world with him.

He always told us that money and possessions are worldly things you cannot take to the grave, which is why he wanted to give us as many memories as possible. If he had had his way he would have spent every day with his kids and grandkids playing at home or taking walks. At times, we didn't even have to talk at all. Just being together watching television was enough. To us, these were priceless moments.

Charismatic gentleman

He was a charismatic gentleman who loved to make light of every situation with a joke or two because he liked seeing people happy. His easygoing nature contributed to everyone and drew everyone to his side. Frequently, we would question his every step politics. But my father wanted to serve. He truly loved the people of Negros Occidental whom he served.

In Congress, he stood for issues he sincerely believed in. He advocated against child pornography and for the establishment of drug rehabilitation centers, and emphasized the significance of sustainable development. He, throughout his service, he remained humble and respectful, knowing his achievements were not his but for the people he served.

If I could sum up what my father was like, I would say that he was full of love. One thing we as his family will always remember is how well he loved us, and how good that love made us feel.

And the saddest thing about his leaving us is that my baby will never experience that with him.

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THE AUTHOR with her dad and her newborn

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Cute and adorable Earl Sebastian Espiritu was named the Grand Winner of Baby Company's Star Baby 2011 search; while lovable Maria Beatriz Somoa, Elisa Jonna De Ram and Ulrich Vaughn Castro were awarded as winners for the fourth quarter.

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To the young women preparing to get married

You must be sure there is no question as to which one he will save in the event that you and his mother fall off the Titanic

By Fe Caperiño Arevalo
Correspondent

BEFORE MY daughter, Ina, got married in 2003, I wanted to write her a letter on love and marriage, in a kind of mother-daughter talk.

I thought of doing so when she was a little girl, in case I would no longer be around when she marries. I was glad I could do so at the appropriate time, and not relive I was too young to be wise, too involved to see the big picture, and too passionate to be objective.

The first decade or so of my marriage, and, I imagine, of most marriages, was a period of adjustment, of many changes and unsure. I would have only talked her to "cut my pain and swallow my sadness," as Auntie Tom had put it.

I have learned a few things since then. The following are what I meant to send her off with into her new life. Of course, only if

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Winning!

Gilda Cordero Fernando

FOREVER 81

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I LOVE Helen Slaviero Jose and Lydia Carreon-a Sarmen and Sr. Perla Mangaliman and Br. Perla Ramirez, but they cannot drag me to the 65th (plus-minus) reunion of our St. Theresa's HS class. After all, I'm just an adopted alumna.

Although I studied at SPC for 22 years, I am a proud graduate of St. James Academy, Class '47, in Malabon, where our family remained and stayed for two years while our post liberation house was being constructed.

My third year classmates included Jesus Grace Estella, they called Asunta Matao. He was a bit older than the rest of us (20 or 21) in our public 30's, newly arrived from Cagayan Valley, sent by his brother-mate to look for his father who had promised him an education.

Patricia Pearce Estella, his father's wife, also invited Jesusa, lived in Malabon, and took him in, and Asunta went to school with his two pretty half sisters, Arsenia and Irma.

Every day, Arsenia and Irma wore a uniform while Asunta—he was—wore faded jeans shirt, very above his ankles. He was never Johnny Pearce Estella and he left for

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The day of hearts

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ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

VALENTINE'S DAY is a huge holiday in the Philippines, second only to Christmas. I suppose that declares to the whole world that indeed, this 0f spine is a romantic soul.

Ah. I'm traditionally enamored by sweethearts, married, engaged or "in a relationship," all persuasively legit. Those who would list themselves in actual networks under "It's complicated" may choose to celebrate around that date. I guess this entails further, ah, complications?

The legend behind Valentine's Day is a little dubious, but it has gone down to history as gospel truth.

It tells about Valentine: a priest in third-century Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II. One day, the emperor decides that single men make better soldiers than those with wives and families, so he decrees to build a strong and mighty army, he outlaws marriage for young men.

Valentine bravely defies the outrageous order. He performs weddings for young lovers in secret. Claudius discovers Valentine's treachery. He is caught and put to death.

There is a romantic twist to the big end. They say that while he was in prison, Valentine fell in love with a young girl, supposedly the daughter of his jailer. On the night before he was put to death, Valentine wrote her a love letter and signed it, "From Your Valentine."

"Whoever wrote forget-comes-who-so-members," I'm sure the Victorian daughter of Philomena's Sampler in the 1900s. The recent yellow box with a cream stitch design containing America's favorite assorted chocolates has been around for a hundred years. In my day, this was a very desirable Valentine's gift! If a young man brought you a Whitman's Sampler on Valentine's, it was a sign of his good intentions.

Today, Cupid's billion Samplers have been sold in the last century. A special issue called the Presidential Tin is the official giveaway token at the White House and on Air Force One.

How do you celebrate the day of hearts? Are you rank-and-frequently sought? How many clicks and dings take you to your retreat-in-manner? Is your Valentine's gown a big product of cut and paste? Photoshop?

Cory versus Imelda

Hallmark need to make over-sized cards for Valentine's. Some had satin-ordinary hearts. The verses inside were often corny. But how thrilling it was to receive one.

Many years ago, my daughter got super hearts from her grade school classmate saying: "Will you be my Valentine?" I almost put one house on the market.

Where does one go on that special day? Prolific gift-right-mantels. Roses, even bears are, clean-of-the-art romantic, are invisibly expensive.

One young couple will stay home. "My husband will do the cooking the one year, and I will make his favorite dessert. We have a movie date. We will enjoy a DVD, something our 7-year-old daughter can watch, of course, and buy popcorn. Everything is so expensive. We want to keep it simple."

MY CHAIR ROCKS

Another couple I know has been married 60 years. Their children and grandchildren live abroad. What will Valentine's night be like for them?

"Every year we try to celebrate the love that grew out of our first Valentine's date at the Manila Hotel. He was primed me with flowers and a box of chocolates," she gushes. This year they look forward to a romantic dinner for two with candlelight and roses.

I recently was floored on the 40th birthday of a mutual friend. The music was too loud and they danced cheek to cheek.

If only one could bottle the magic that that danced moved them!

Do you remember your first "real-cue" Valentine's gift?

Mine was a gold ID bracelet with my name inscribed on one side, and a number 5 on the other. That was the number on his basketball jersey. I thought that was sweet. My friends never grew with envy. And my parents seemed. It was only my second year in university.

That same year a very talented pianist/composer wrote a song with me named for Valentine's. No, he was not smitten, but he said he wrote it for someone who was. The title was "Beloved." The melody was lovely.

But the words seemed strange to me at the time. What did I know about those things? I was still in school, and not quite over thinking over and playing partners.

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SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to populate the blank cells so that each column, each row and each of the nine 3x3 boxes (or blocks) contains the digits 1 through 9. The Difficulty Level for this Puzzle is Medium. Answer to today's puzzle will be published in Tuesday's issue.

By Mary Bowers

Concepción Sabellar

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Answer to previous puzzle

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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo — IN TWO

To the young women...

From page F1

she asked. She didn't, so I would like to share my take on love and marriage with all the young women out there who would like to prepare for a marriage that, hopefully, works. But that should take it with a grain of salt, as it was solely meant for one particular beloved daughter.

Propinquity

First, marriage is a matter of propinquity. The eligible men who is around at the time she is ready to get married will be the man even women marry. So don't expect your husband to be the greatest love of your life. It is all right, though, to hope he is.

Your husband will certainly not be perfect, nor all you could wish for. But are love and marry not so much out of the desirability of the beloved, as out of the depth of our needs. You must always try to distinguish between what you want and what you need, as well as what he wants and what he needs.

Your marital relationship must not be your sole source of happiness. You must not make that demand of it. Your happiness will depend on who you are and what you do. Your marriage may help in shaping who you are and in providing the haven for what you are to do, but that's all.

There will be moments of great joy and pleasure and thrill. There will be times of true mental, of peace and quiet. There will be expressions of great love, wonderful surprises, heights of passion. There will be peaks and passages in the exciting adventure of loving deeply and well.

Marriage can be the source of these, as well as, inevitably the other side of the coin. But there is no such thing as a state of marital happiness. Just of being content and reasonably happy or more than half, or (if you are lucky) three-quarters of the time.

A priest once asked me if I was happily married. I answered with, "Are you happily a priest?" It gave him pause.

Good sex

Good sex is very important in marriage, but it not to be all and end all. It is the most expressive aspect of love, the warmest form of caring, and the best measure of how well the relationship is faring.

But there are other aspects in marriage and other forms of loving that are, in fact more, be just as essential. Good sex with a loved one can make you very happy and fulfilled, but your marital happiness depends on so much more. May be always hold you dear and give you respect and tenderness. And may be even be kind.

You must be sure that there is no question as to which one he will save in the event that you and his mother fall off the Titanic. It's a silly question, even if you can swim and she can't. The only thing more than a man must leave father and mother to join his wife and create a new family. You must always come first.

And he is to take your side against his own mother even when you are wrong, as well as against your own mother even when she is right.

Always be nice to your mother-in-law is, at the very least, extremely polite. My 1-Thing maxim is that there is "no blame" with good manners and right conduct. She should also endeavor to be a part of and be accepted by his original family, but not by losing your identity in the process. You are not necessarily your them like your own because they may be quite different. Stand softly and adjust.

You and he will, naturally, "become one," create a family, have children and share not only a life but also the responsibility for each other's welfare and happiness. Do not lose yourself in the mission or the sharing. Avoid the danger of becoming an extension of or a financial, emotional or social dependent of your husband. You need romantic love in your own person with a distinct life of your own.

Near substitutes

Frankly, I would have preferred to send you off with some fabulous heirloom jewelry or info you over the rough times, or a sizable nest-egg of a mother's love. But you can save your own bullet*! money to provide your step-out if and when it becomes necessary. He must always have that.

Remember that money does not buy happiness, but it can certainly help a few (with substances. Avoid it outdoor to use nor in disdain.

Lastly, check yourself, judge your own worthiness as a life partner from his point of view. You may find you are the wrong girl for him, to which case, he is not the right man for you.

I hope your marriage will always present opportunities for growth, for surmising your self-worth, for making you stronger and braver, for being the best that you can be.

I send you off with my good wishes and all my good intentions. And with all the love that has always been there for you.

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Winning!

Boodoogirl

Manila to become educated as a lawyer by his father, who must have recognized his brilliance.

At St. James, we had quizzes all the time. Every Monday, our grades in all the subjects were posted on the doors of every high school class. Gaanito Ponce was always the topnotch in physics and history and, I think, in Mrs. Inay Tantoa (not sure). We respected him, but we were afraid of him because he was old, old, old.

He took the role of Chopin (wearing a wig but) in the school operetta "The Enchanted Isle," and although he wouldn't sing a note, he was impressive. After that, as girls danced the Mexican Hat Dance around him.

Our toothers, Sister Agnesita and Sister Patricia Maria, loved Aramis Ponce, but then, they loved all the boys. They were always pairing us girls with one of the Khalaboo boys. Ramon de Jesus was paired with Zenaida Casa, Avelino Cruz (later a botanist) with Belen Jacinto (reborn between), and Lorenzo Gonzalez with Si Cervantes (they eloped).

Courtesy of the Dupid sisters, I became the child sponsor of Sebastian Santiago who lived in the house in front of the school. Zenaida later he married Carmen Ferrin, who became a dear friend. Sebastian, a successful lumber/painted wagon became famous as a women's libber who annoyed her once nights, and then she married an American.

Feeling of dread

Out of principle, I will not go to the whitewash morning for our St. Therese's reunion in Bel-Air, since I have no intention of showing up for the actual event, much as I love Sylvia Trinidad, who convenes these things. I have to be true to my feeling of dread about dancing courtesy of which I am lousy) or suffering it out without breaking a bone. It was agony to watch, and now I am glutenous! Spare me.

"Please join us today even just for the memories," texted dear Belen Jimenez-Jose, my beloved kinder-garten classmate who got married to Mr. Jose and gave birth to all those bright kids who run Schuyler Funeral Homes. Lydia Carmona Santos, she said, was going to join her, and I said, why don't the two of you just instead go to my house.

I have nice ice chocolate and pringo and mango-Ces and freshly-made cassata, said Belen and she and Lydia planned later in the evening to proceed to the casino. I'm glad they didn't ask me to that because I am such a microorganism gambling.

When we were eating and my husband was still going up the corporate ladder, he occasionally took me to dull out in one of those Roxas Boulevard casinos of the '60s. I never won a game, but I always went home awash with petty cash, because my husband would give me some small money to bet on the dice holder or other contraption (or keep me out of whatever table he was on). I would just push the money deep into my jeans and tell him I lost it all.

Maybe he suspected because he would often admonish me, "A game is just a game. Here is all!" Sometimes he won all night, but in the end would bet all his winnings on a single hand, which lost. For me, that hurt. Why don't you just be normal and enjoy it, he'd scold me. After that, we never went.

Well, yes, once I did try to be normal. I was pregnant then and wandered to the dice table, which is pretty easy to understand, and for a while I won every roll. The bettors all around the dice table began to bet with me, and we won and won and won. Then I swept all the chips (into my pocket and catched them. That's what I call a good game. Always winning!

MEXICAN Hat Dance, 1941, St. James Academy

The Last Wives Club

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Chit Roxas

ANOTHER friend was bereaved, joining the company in our circle, and her addition again provokes a sense of expiration. Why does widowhood (or other strike in relationships) elsewhere she would be widow has not yet become ready to be liberated?

To be sure, there are those of us who have taken matters in our own hands, bolting our first marriages, thus becoming self-made widows. All the same, I wouldn't take the grave responsibility of prescribing my ways—it's just too complicated for that. She must urge itself. I know one or few who are actually not too happy to have done as we have.

Then there are those other lovely widowed by having left by their husbands and, in a sub group by themselves, those widowed by the hands of their estranged husbands.

However widowed, those freed from a luckless marriage tend to jump into another one. I know of one who did just that after the death of her long estranged husband. Luckily she has taken a second husband in a most civilized world, she got me in on the act in by directions.

She's now quite content, enjoying her freedom as well as all the assets her perfectly legal second marriage has bestowed. I could not take with him—among other things, immense money, real estate, and cash.

She may yet find what she really wants for herself at this stage of her life. Meanwhile, she has been traveling with friends and chums.

A younger widow I also know remained another older man, perhaps believing a husband richer and wiser is what works for her. She now looks resigned to all this, though not uncertain by nobody's fool. Just as when widowers drink harder.

Admittedly lonely in widowhood, another friend took a second husband; now she wants more and more time and space for herself alone.

Another widow, we'll get served and interesting life here, the sort that's a show in, you might say, for swooning. Finds her second marriage "more fulfilling, if not as much fun as the first." She said she realized, in comparison, how romance is for wine the first time around.

An old classmate does not look like a good candidate at all for a second turn. She lost her husband just when she thought the danger of losing him was over—after his heart-bypass surgery that seemed to have looked successful. He died taking a siesta and, while she made all outside waiting the papers, Must her first and only Manolo!

I asked Tita Techie, 80, and a widow for more than half her life now, "When do you forget, Tita?" She looked at me pitiably. "Ay, you never do."

Every widow copes some how, and no one does it better, it seems to me, than the astute, rhythe, whose new 'fro was to anybody's 'fro, ran—every body's boogie partner. Indeed, she doesn't seem ever lonely. Conversational, she says, she finds in the solitude of her art.

In her subtitle of paintings for 2012, she writes: "People ask me why I hardly ever include their figures in my paintings. My answer is this: My loved ones are present to each painting if you know where to look for them. Shedding and pencil lines and swimming in pigments, resting in the shade of solid walls and resting among swirling clouds, limned by light behind each window's enclosed grill, you will find not their faces but rather their spirit and quiet energy."

When I bumped into her in an exhibit shortly after she became a widow, several years now, we took what time we could, as we always do, to catch up with each other's lives. As we were going, we became more than a bit of the growing number of remarrying, suddenly her face lit up.

"We could form a club," she said.

"Of widows?" I asked, feeling left out.

"Nah," she said, "the Last Wives Club!"

Oh, I love that!

NOT QUITE THERE

looking forward to their usual golf game together on the same day.

Life-size picture

I've never known anyone to be in love with her husband and as devoted to his parents as my late cousin. They all died living with her. Tented, rare and lovely, she would seem a popular prospect for remarriage—and, we like to want her, the prosperous learns the hoops her husband's life size picture in their bedroom.

Actually, most of the widows in my circle don't look like the remarrying kind; they just have too many good memories and lovely children to summon them constantly. How can, for instance, Gilda replace Ed, or Gigi her beloved Ending, or Nening her Tony, or my cousin

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Mayong Ordoñez

FEELIN' YOUNG, feelin' lovefilled, and feelin' important. Market research tells us that these three "women feelin's" are the motivational triggers in determining women's moods and wants. They're the supplementals. When fulfilled, women fall in love, and they become more broadminded men.

Men should adopt these three women feelin's, not only as their attitude but also as their behavioral partners in pursuing and securing the love of a girlfriend. Most of all, the ardent "d'saya" (he simply respect the dictum of femininity. It guarantees a lasting and rewarding man-woman relationship).

There's a caveat, though. When practicing the martial arts, it can be embarrassed by the male chauvinist group as a form of gender calumnia. Anyone can easily called being "under d'saya" (he. search the skirt). Ignore the hooting. You'll be the winner in the end.

I've known many happy 5-ft 4" American husbands play this role with our 5-ft-1" petite cousins in the States. Being under d'saya, especially if your wife is Filipina, is more fun than being a pain in the ass.

The three women feelin's, sometimes called by pop psychologists as "Dat woman thing," are supportive of women's behavior that defies logic. A source of befuddlement for men, particularly the narrow minded, the judgmental, and the humorless.

Women drive men crazy because they are difficult to figure out. There's a lot of irrelevant talk. They say maybe when they mean no, and they say no when they mean yes. They seldom say yes because they like to change their mind, and this is why many men leave their desires to women. Men say their hearts will melt in yours.

Recently a friend with a certain amount of business savvy summed up some of the dos and don'ts for men.

Here they are, with my instinctive reactions to particular.

Fixed: To end an argument when she is right and that most needs to shut up. Don't object. Tomorrow is another day. The climate may be sunnier.

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GUT FEEL

Five minutes. If she's getting cheated up, this minute half an hour or more. (No event. Get dressed yourself, then calmly watch TV news or some sports, or read a chapter of a Stephen King thriller or any steamy for the point made in paragraph 1.

Hunting? This reason something. This is the calm before the storm. Be on your toes. "Nothing" usually begins with an argument that ends in fist and fury. Pile on eight. We may go home. Or change topic. Say you bought a shopping tour package for two to Bangkok.)

Think long and hard

What's short? The reason she wants to think long and hard before deciding how to end when you'll pay for your mistake. (Good! It's a temporary stare. Use the time to cook up sugar and spice and every-thing nice. If repulsed, it's okay. Your effort alone means you care.)

Loud sigh. She thinks you're an idiot and wonders why she's wasting her time standing here and arguing about nothing. Uproot the something offensive. Cook her a delicious pork sinigang or do something visceral, massage her back gently before bed time. Her love down. Aren't we men romantic fools?

We need now be on the defensive. We can be on the offensive. Dating is the thrill of young love. A date can be a movie-dinner or a fancy restaurant or a simple hole-hole-wine. Keep it funny to elicit laughter.

After years of living with and married, she can see her beauty diminished by wrinkles, owner's love, and lazy indoor. Her fear of looking unsexy to you. Give her the shoulder rub on her favor battle, the new dress, and the shoes with matching bag. Whiff whitens at her new lip gloss.

Feeling important in the mother of all childbirth is by any under-standard. But how, it's a simple matter of being kind and thoughtful. Buy it with flowers, cards, notes and e-mails. Remember her birthday the first date, the day she said yes, the long test on her furniture, the more she married. Don't let her excellent homework. Keep compli-menting.

I've noted this three feelings theory on women. It works. During the Vietnam War, Bangkok was the R&R place for US Army officers. While sunning a bottle of Singha beer in the Siam Intercon, I spotted a group of Army wives having coffee. One was a Filipina Winger look-alike.

Instinctively I went over, flopped on the napkin and asked the waiter to give it to her. She read it, blushed, and quickly kept it inside her bag. The others were background her, but she shook her head vigorously. When it was time to go, "Dona Winger" let the others leave ahead of her. Supposedly she knew, looked at me, and gave me the sweetest smile, a smile that lasted forever. Here's what I wrote on the napkin: "Among the four of you, you're the prettiest."

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INSIDE

■ Groupie strikes out with foreign hunks Rushes /H1

THE TUDON brothers, Timmy (left) and Paul, have a lot in common apart from their love for music.

By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Jim Quiao/Pamalian

TUDON brothers Timmy and Paul revealed that at one point, they had to defy the wishes of their parents who didn't want them to pursue a career in music.

"We had to bond together, be unbiases, because they didn't want this life for us," said Timmy, guitarist of the rock group Chapel.

Paul, front man of the band Sponge Cola, explained: "Dad is a certified public accountant. He's also a science guy. I guess he expected his luck to become successful scientists, doctors or government workers. Although he was the one who taught us how to play the guitar—and he sings—he just didn't pursue it like we did."

"To him, it's rewarding 'Follow your heart' thing," Timmy, who is older between the two, pointed out. "For example, we know that our purpose in life is to write songs and perform them, but are also here to find a way for this to be a career. Otherwise, we're just a pair of bums."

Paul added that their dad always wanted them to challenge themselves. "And yes, wanting a band was a challenge, especially for us. When we began doing this, 'di pa *mahilig* ang band scene. Now dad is the most supportive," said Paul, whose pop-rock band recently released its fourth album titled "Something Happened" under Universal Records.

"I guess what he wanted was for us to prove him wrong," Timmy stressed. "I think that as moms point out did."

Paul added: "I think he really loved music all along. He just didn't want us to get into trouble and wished that we grew up the normal way."

Guitars

Paul, this Takamine is my song-writing guitar for the current album. I was able to make some songs with this. It's an acoustic guitar I bought at a really cheap price. People say it doesn't sound very good, but I like it. It reminds like a real guitar to me.

If you plan to buy an acoustic guitar, choose a good brand that isn't necessarily pricey. An entry level Yamaha is already good. Just get someone to set it up for you. Ayo Cortes (our actually mother on acoustic guitar) recently got a great guitar, legendary. His shop is in Sta. Ana. All of our guitars

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Two of a kind

From page G1

guys through him. Iron Miguel Saraiva and the sometimes of Urbanlab go to him.

Sunny: Yael and I both own a PS3 (Pixel Steel) bundle guitar. I love mine because it's played well right out of the box. It channels sound nothing up. PRS is known to the flatten for making very expensive hand-crafted guitars. The ones we have are the affordable models.

Comparing the two, Yael has the lower sensitivity model. While mine only has five in-lay markers, his has fatal-fig. ures for inlay markers—very PRS design. We have the same bridge and headstock, the same configuration of volume, tone and pickup selection, but I have two cutaways. This helps a player's ability to reach the higher frets. While his guitar has a solid body, mine has a cavity. This is called a sound hole, which makes the guitar's tone resonate.

Changing a guitar by the stuff is not an ideal way to keep it. It puts a lot of tension at the junction of the headstock and the neck. Here the neck is taken its shape is crucial. It affects the tone of your guitar. So if you're serious about your music, buy a guitar you'll need one. The rest will come you. I have one that's more expensive than the guitar inside it.

Scents

Yael: Since I'm a '90s guy my perfume also comes from that period. I've been using Polo Sport and Versace Blue Jeans since I was in Grade 8. For formal occasions, I use Kenneth Cole Black. I got it only because someone begged me to buy a different scent to mine. It's not as flirtatious as the Versace, which I think is more effeminate. I sometimes mix the three scents sometimes.

Sunny: When I was younger, I rely on my mom to buy my perfumes. She smelled of 90s, so she was able to buy them on a cheaper price. The most recent perfume I bought, an Issey Miyaki, spray my wife bought me this one—that's just him. I learned to like it now. It's important that she likes how I smell.

DVDs

Yael: One of my favorite movies is "Clueless." It's a commentary on culture. The movie shaped the females of my generation...those who say "as if!" and "whatever!" Another favorite is the comedy series "Friends." I've memorized all the lines of all the episodes. I know that the first line ever thrown was by the character Monica Geller, Rachel Green, not the screen character. Sometimes, I even dream girl while growing up. This DVD collection is sacred. It can't ever leave the house.

I'm also a fan of the series "Lost." I'm really involved with the "Lost" culture. I have memorabilia and all those signed stuff. I even joined a group in this website about the show that's being run by a Filipino.

Sunny: I'm a "Lost" fan, too. I liked the ending, even though some people resented different. I think the story who got disappointed were the sci-fi fans. I'm not that kind of guy. I thought the ending was justified. It's true that a lot of things were left unexplained, but then, it's a mystery show.

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YAEL considers his DVD collection of "Friends" "sacred."

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I PREFER classics to modern books. Older books are timeless. I like reading about the past. I often try to put myself in the situations of the characters in a novel. I loved JD Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye" because it tackles real issues that confront the youth. It opened my eyes to the different emotions that other young people go through. I also enjoyed Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "Love in the Time of Cholera" because it painted such a detailed picture of Latin American society at that point in the region's history. Also, the story is quite flavorful, to say the least.

Reported by Jun Diego Jr.

LEXI FERNANDEZ

OUR DUO, Barbie and Yoki, are adorable. Barbie, a Dachshund, has been with us for 12 years now. We practically grew up together. Barbie is very protective. She's my personal watch dog. If a stranger approaches me, she'll bark right away. Yoki, a Persian cat, has been with us for only a year. Yoki joins me when I watch TV. She sits beside me when I relax in my room, too. She's a chill cat. Of course, we give them a bath and feed them regularly. We also make sure that their chili is always filled with water.

Reported by Jun Diego Jr.

MoneyGram's Round-the-World Relay, Spreading Holiday Magic to Children in Eight Countries, Makes Stop at Rizal High School in Pasig City, Philippines

School receives 500 sets of supplies for 500 pupils

For many people around the world, the holiday season is usually a time of happiness, yet for others, it is a time of increased struggle and stress worrying to meet significant and survival needs. To help spread some holiday magic to those in need, MoneyGram launched a round-the-world relay to support the educational needs of some children across eight countries and four continents.

MoneyGram's "Spreading Holiday Magic" program is a relay-style program in which the company will distribute much-needed school supplies and learning tools in 11 schools in eight countries. The relay involves all of an elementary school in Dallas, Texas, home to MoneyGram's global headquarters, before stopping today at Rizal High School.

"Our round-the-world relay is intended to spread the magic of the holidays to schools in need, and bring important learning tools to children in the classroom," said Pamela H. Patsley, chairman and chief executive officer of MoneyGram. "We hope that every stop in make this time of year a little brighter for the children at Rizal High School and to encourage learning in the classroom as we firmly believe in the power of education."

During a classroom visit, Lisa Lee, MoneyGram international's country manager of Philippines, presented the school with school supplies for the school and each student. The children also unveiled holiday greetings as Ronald Dion's "Spreading Holiday Magic" rendition (www.moneygram.com/holidaymagic), which will be read by children at other schools in the global relay.

"We are very fortunate to have been selected to participate in MoneyGram's round-the-world relay. It's a great program that will touch the lives of so many children around the world," said Dr. Josephine Cruz, Principal of Rizal High School. "The donation couldn't come at a better time. We can always use more resources in the classroom, and this donation will help us meet the specific needs of our students."

As part of this program, MoneyGram launched the blog, www.moneygram.com/holidaymagic, to give the children at the schools and globally – the chance to share holiday greetings and words of encouragement to children at the next school in the global relay.

"Spreading Holiday Magic" is an extension of MoneyGram's global holiday marketing campaign in which the company encourages consumers to "enjoy the magic of the holidays, send money around the world, and watch the happiness grow" in a series of print ads and TV commercials.

The community initiative is a natural extension of MoneyGram's global marketing campaign and Global Giving program. Annually, the company gives approximately $500,000 for non-profit organizations around the world for disaster education needs and disaster recovery programs.

Those interested in learning more about MoneyGram services, locations and its Global Giving program can visit www.moneygram.com. In addition, consumers interested in learning more about cards, different money transfers this holiday season, including ways to reward friends, can access MoneyGram's Money Transfer Product Education Center at www.moneygram.passwordhead.com.

Two of a kind

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I love this Playstation game version of "The Godfather" because I get to play a hoodlum. The bad thing about it is that it's more ditched. Codes and clubs sign up for the video game version while all the cool actors in the movie agreed. The good thing about it is that after the story mode, there's an online mode similar to the popular "Counterstrike." This is globally ranked player. At one point, I was the 99th highest in the world. I stopped playing when my family transferred to a new Apartment. I'm now part of a clan that has people from the United States and United Kingdom as members, they're all looking for me now.

Eyewear

Yael: The first time I bought a pair of expensive shades was in September of last year. It's a pair of Ray-Bans, my gift to myself. I used to always lose my cheap shades. Just read this. I use them this Ray-Ban pair from Bape. It has bombs for the ears, Bape's trademark. It looks more like what Tom Cruise would wear on a chilly day in New York. The other pair is what you'd probably see Jennifer Aniston wear at a drive through. (laughs)

Tonny: My hated Pupil is an exclusive of Ray-Ban so I have a whole bunch of them. However, this design called Predator is my favorite because in the "Godfather" game, I was able to make my character wear it. I made my characters look like myself. How cool was that? This design is not as popular as the Aviators, and more recently, the Wayfarers. It has a unique shape and a classic style, but the best thing about it is getting it for free.

If you're going to buy expensive shades, make sure you're responsible enough not to lose it. Of all the Ray-Bans I have, I only lost one and it happened during the time Typhoon "Ondoy" struck. You also have to feel comfortable when it sits on the bridge of your nose. You can actually ask the lady to the store to adjust it for you.

Tops

Yael: This shirt with the words "Frankie Says Relax" was what Dolphy called "Pambansang" kind wearing to sleep. Ross (Geller, Rachel's boyfriend) often wore it in an episode. I only found out recently that it was inspired by the '80s band called Frankie Goes to Hollywood that sang "Relax (Don't Do It)."

I thought this hoodie because I'm a fan of Hannah Montana—she has good comedic timing. I think this character went to watch "Friends," too. I didn't go to Miley Cyrus' concert here because I like Hannah better.

Memorabilia

Yael: I've been faithfully wearing the wedding ring since I got married. When I'm not playing the guitar, its on my left ring finger. I just transfer it to the right when playing because it feels the first. The ballet (It is actually my daughter's. I have a wedding ring to remind me of my wife and so I also wanted something to remind me of Charlotte.

PREDATORS from Ray Ban are Tonny's favorite shades.

Oriel pair of Ray-Bans is a gift from Lupe, the other, Yael bought for himself.

Shoes

Yael: I love these Nike Air Jordan 20s, but I don't see them anymore. They're rare just for display. I actually placed them in an aquarium. They're my all-time favorites.

My hated sneakers, Adidas. I have this really cool custom pair in color pink. I use it whenever I play basketball. I also have one in black. I don't like how it looks—I feel like I'm Bart Simpson whenever I wear it—but I love its performance.

When buying a pair of shoes, you first have to determine its use, especially in running. My pair of rose shoes is lighter and has less cushioning. This actually helps me run faster. When I train, I use a pair of regular cross-trainers. It's a bit heavier, but more cushioning and is used for everyday pounding.

Tonny: Pupil is a Puma endorser. Out of all the stuff I have, these pair (running shoes) is my favorite. I've made a lifestyle change recently and decided to live healthier. During my first attempt, I've embarrassed to admit, I stopped after 200 meters. Now I am jogging for 2.5 km easily every day.

Gadgets

Yael: I have a Galaxy Tab to attend to an iPod. I use it to surf the Web and watch my favorite Youtube videos. I use my laptop, a MacBook Pro 2007 model, to edit my own videos. My iPhone is broken so I recently got myself a BlackBerry Curve. My favorite gadget is this HD recorder called Sanyo 3-HI DL Camera cameras are good, especially the audio quality. It's surrounding my neck.

Books

Yael: Since I remember Dio, my hand my happy place.

YAEL'S "Lost" encyclopedia

TONNY'S stand copy of Neil Gaiman's "Smoke and Mirrors"

I have a lot of books about it, like this one, "How to Travel to Disneyland Resort on a Budget" by Jason Kirk. This "Lost" encyclopedia was a Christmas gift from my sister. It has everything you need to know about the show.

Tonny: This book, "Smoke and Mirrors" is an anthology of short stories by Neil Gaiman, popularly known as the guy behind "Sandman." A friend from college said it's a good and easy-to-read book. Some of the stories are only one-page long, some are significantly longer. This is already my third copy. Whats you best fan and you lend it to a friend, it never comes back.

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TONNY'S Bulgari Pink watch.

YAEL'S BlackBerry Curve

RUNNING shoes: Tonny's Puma (right) and Yael's fave pair, by Adidas

THE BROTHERS compare their Paul Bond Smith electric guitars.

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Rowena G. Valverde

Groupie strikes out with foreign hunks

By the Entertainment Staff

SEXY lissles wanted to crash the shoot of an international project, presumably to meet handsome hunks on the set.

With lookalike Pal and Hans-boyano Gelob, SS managed to penetrate the high-security set. But SS was not satisfied with stargazing from a distance.

Come break time, SS tried to join the stars in their private area. Unimpressed with SS and her poses, and apparently appraised of SS' reputation, the producers flatly turned them down.

SS is notorious for flirting and hooking up with famous visitors in the past.

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Secret client

Chantal Gelob tried to hide his sexuality in the past, openly canoodling with a Chelsea Straley (also beholden to the family).

Finally, CC could no longer hide his secret, which is brewing at the seams. Turned out, CC is a regular client of Indie Hunk who has started running tricks. CC, previously linked to Cute Herbaniez, has contributed to IFIs charms.

Musically challenged

Controversial Star insisted on singing "Eros" during a recent out-of-town gig in spite of being musically challenged.

US couldn't carry a tune, even if it came in a padded bustier. Worse, US could never remember the words to any song, to this late disability because pills popping has left US' brain with more holes than a chunk of Swiss cheese?

Head-on collision

Chantal reluctantly dissed had a head-on collision at a birthday party.

Veteran Star was on her way out when Hairy Gelob entered the venue. To their credit, they did not make a scene.

PC could by turned her back on SS, who wisely lingered for a few minutes. Perhaps SS didn't want to look like she was re-trending.

With dramatic flourish, SS even ventured near PC's table and asked Senior Star to make a grand exit with her.

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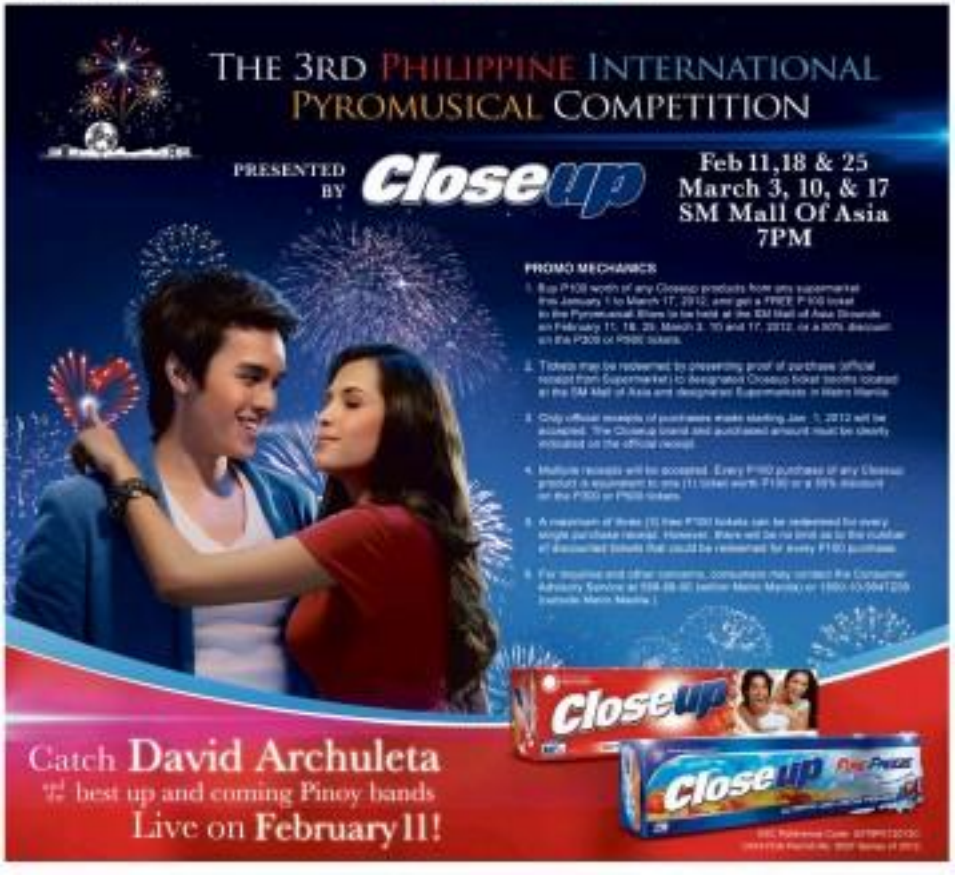

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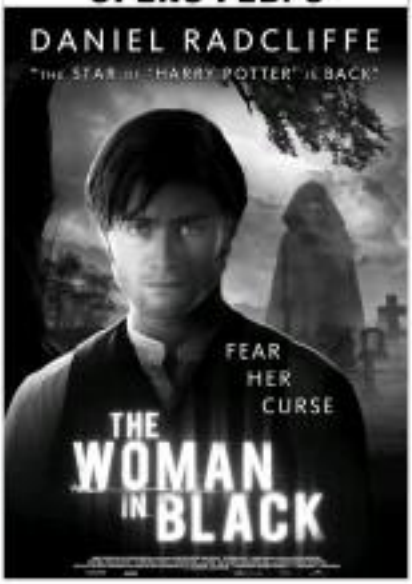

Child actors' popularity can be a double-edged sword

IT'S STILL early days for those his year 2012, but it looks like this would be the scoring (yes, we said those) both around the unique appeal of child actors. The stage has been set by overloading or recently concluded telenovelas like "Dance ng Bag-ong" and "Morning Hemolens."

Unlike other shows in which kids play only supporting roles, the first favorite leads of "Dance ning Bag-ong" cup-billed the series from start to finish. Thus, they "proved" that child talents could arouse a lot of viewers. Not to the stellar appeal of very young actors really doesn't need "proving," because it's been part of those hit lists for many decades now as the hits fronted in by toy like Tessie Agana, Niño Muhlach, Snooky and Aiza Seguerra have definitively indicated. But, recent successes have "reinforced" both producers and viewers on-idea of the bankability of "child wonders," hence the renewed popularity of precocious young talents.

Perky, chatty

Over at GMA-7, the resident star search scientist is Jillian Ward, whose show, "Indiboks," leads on her perky, chatty appeal. Also popular is ABS-CBN's weekly "Indiblo comedy" show, "Young Indilla," as well as the many juvenile talent hits that aim to discover "tomorrow's stars" today.

Impact story of such talent searches, as TV-film studios and talent management outfits beef up their "stables" of young contract talents, in preparation for new ju. vanilla showcases to come.

Down side

On the other hand, the renewed popularity and bankability of child talents could also contain the seeds of negative developments that could prove injurious to the future performers themselves. We're all for the discovery and development of new talents, but the way some child stars are and stars are being manipulated and misused could very out to be problematic, unless reforms are put in place.

The first problem is the local society's stronghold view of the essence and value of child performers. The general feeling is that kids are at their most entertaining when they're yo cute, yummy, chubby, loud, sassy, hideous like your favorite celebs, are femotionally "feisty" and can cry at the drop of a hat of fibonacci.

Wrong. The *real* value of a child performer is his innocence and sense of wonder and imagination. Adults have long lost those special qualities, so they really lose it when naturally gifted child actors take them back to their age/subject again.

Alas, much of that can't be found in local child actors' performances today. Which is why most of their portrayals fall short, or are way over the top, and feel so genuinely move and inspire viewers. It's everybody's loss.

Exploitation

To make things worse, child talents are purely developed and injudiciously handled. They're made to work too long, cry too much, perform to a fake and knee-jerk fashion, are thrust into the potentially harmful company of jaded adults, and are exploited even by their own families, some of whom promote or even force them to be their cheer'tweadwinners.

So, while we cheer the fact that child talents will have all sorts of opportunities to show this season, we worry that they won't be sufficiently protected from the harmful pressures and negative consequences related to their so-called super-stellar success. But, protect them, we must.

The real value of a child performer is his innocence and sense of wonder and imagination

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Seasoned Actor?

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Bentley Hunk is baffled with Godfather Corrie's behavior.

BIG, vibrant area resident has been less than exemplary (bordering on vile villainess), scrupulous that CC is spearheading a hate campaign against him.

According to BH, CC pretends to be vivid, but is actually a taste loser. "I seriously think CC is bipolar and can't decide whether to hate or love me," BH says.

Bipolar or bisexual?

Donating a jet plane

MIAMI (R) PORNS, Georgia—John Travolta plans to donate a D-2 Gulfstream executive jet plane to the Georgia Aviation Hall of Fame.

Robbie Air Force Base spokeswoman Chrissy Minot says the actor is making the donation in honor of his son Jett, who died in 2009. Minot tells the Telegraph newspaper the jet will be used as a display for an upcoming air show. AP

Barr for president

WASHINGTON—Roseanne Barr said Thursday she is running for the Green Party's presidential nomination, and it is no joke.

The actress-comedian said in a statement that she is a longtime supporter of the party and looks forward to working with people who share her values. She said the two major parties are not serving the American people.

The Green Party's presidential nominee will be selected in a convention in Baltimore in July.

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GABYLLE: Blooming star

ANGELI DAZA and John Lloyd Cruz

ROSEANNE Barr is the running

"I will harnesses American living room," Barr said in a candidate questionnaire submitted to the Green Party. "Businessmen on the will be unable to govern me.

Barr has a 46-acre macadamia nut farm in Hawaii. AP

Top of the Bandera

The top show biz news in the business-cubbed Bandera (and why we are moved if we are moved):

- Willie gabi na gabi kina John at Randy (Sa what's new?)
- Information: magpa gabi ang Chi-ne-ese Bandera. (Pano gabi?)
- Gwen Jimenez: Bye bye-kong Jomandi na lalaki. (Sis.)
- Jinse Marcos parag gawati ng movie si Kris Aquino, pero... (Di we want to hear that!)
- Carylle hindi na mahiwag ngayon.
- Rachelle Pangilinan nangyari na kahitsa. (With whom?)
- Chaina Ichiwara sali ng ka-morning si Lhyzle. (If you put it that way...)
- Jaclyn Jose, hindi 60 magbigay pa rin. (Seems things never change.)
- Kim pala nag pag-mumukha kay Kim? Bloke raw magmg. Reminds, hers any memories ni Kim.)
- BC Concepcion: Lelabas also! (Bet-lahit.)
- Kapa pinag-uusapan ang gala! Ay Nadia, Annabelle may sabi sa pasa. (Sweet allies.)
- Camilla Ki-lac: Hindi ako bi-ganwar si Willie! (Metro say ano-ri.)
- Bae Jaysong nyakan a Magnet Love Na-nagmyahang kayang. (There are other reasons a girl could look like that.)
- Angel: Hindi ako counter Ay Hall (Duet?)
- Eto at San-Miller happy mag-ing love team. (Speculation, sana bonus!)
- Kumay lang daw ang nakakabag kay Ya-sine! John Lloyd pamayag magkaka-baby! (Whose baby?)

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"WHAT stands out in heart and mind are the people who helped make my time at the Oscars like I, too, was a movie star," says filmmaker Gigi Dezenzo, shown at right on the set of "Bastards of Young," an indie feature she is producing.

Two Fil-Am Oscar winners, one year later

LOS ANGELES—A year ago, three Filipino-Americans—Stephen Dypiangco, Gigi Dezenzo and Stefanie Sloane—made news when their "God of Love" won the best live action short honor in the Academy Awards.

Luke Matheny directed and starred in the film that Gigi and Stefanie coproduced while Stephen served as the producer of marketing and distribution. In the following excerpts, Gigi and Stephen reminisced about that giddy, memorable night last year and updated us on what they have been busy with since then.

Is this day, what will stands out in your memory of that Oscar night last year?

Stephen Dypiangco (SD): The memory that stands out the most is arriving at the hotel's red carpet. It was like a dream come true where Luke flashed his Oscar and they let all 11 of us in his entourage in. From the moment we got there, we were surrounded by Hollywood's elite (**Tom Hanks, Quentin Tarantino, Justin Timberlake, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jake Gyllenhaal**), which was very overwhelming and exciting all at once.

Gigi Dezenzo (GD): Oh, so many! I remember saying to myself to "remember everything" because I knew the Oscars are, perhaps, a once in a lifetime experience. Although, there was ample opportunity to become desensitized since I was in LA for the Oscars, what I knew I will keep with me for the rest of my life is the outpouring of kindness and support from the Filipino community. Wherever I am asked what the most rewarding thing about the Oscars was, I unequivocally say this exact same. To me that was worth the Oscar's weight in gold.

Because I have been working for a long time in this and other industries, I have had the opportunity to socialize and meet celebrities on occasions, so the hoopla with presidents of every type on Oscar night are more like a surreal blur in my memory. What stands out in my heart and mind are the people who helped make my time at the Oscars like I, too, was a movie star.

Oliver Stockton saved me two times last year. First, by creating a beautiful gown for me in five days. I was in the middle of shooting a movie when I got the call from Luke telling me that I would be going to the Oscars. Being on set shooting 12 hours a day in Queens and New Jersey left us little to do even think about getting me those worthy dress. Upon hearing of my predicament, Winston Ennaco and Wing Chow quickly put me in touch with Andrew Gamalinda. From there, Oliver began to quickly and masterfully design my dress. We rarely had a couple of phone conversations and exchanged a few e-mails with measurements and photos of fabric samples, but by the time I arrived in LA a few days later, Oliver already had something for me to try on.

The second time he saved me was on the afternoon of the Oscars by sending makeup and hair artist, Rodrigo Alcocer, as my hotel room as soundcore me from a working mother and indie filmmaker to the awesome pre-care in the plan. Shortly after had finished, in my actual dress.

Another moment that really stands out was when we arrived at the Vanity Fair party. If you remember, Luke gave a charming and heartwarming acceptance speech which, on top of "God of Love" winning the Oscar, put Luke directly in the spotlight. After the ovation, interviews with the press and posing for all the cameras, Luke turned to us and said, "I'd rather just be making movies." At that moment, Luke kept it real and that gave the whole experience perspective. We didn't set out to win the Oscar. We set out to make a short movie that touched something about ourselves and somehow, that was enough to bring the two together.

What projects have you done since then?

SD: Several months ago, another Filipino-American filmmaker (**Patrick Epino**) and I launched a YouTube channel called The National Pilot Story (http://www.youtube.com/user/nationalfilmstory). With a hearty and offbeat approach, we make weekly web videos about filmmaking, movies and pop culture. The response to our work has been positive thus far, and we look forward to building the National Film Society into a major production house. One very recent development is that we're going to be partnering with 9PM, which has stepped us to host their running online film festival in Manila.

We just came back from the Sundance Film Festival, where we shot some fun video interviews with filmmakers and actors such as the Oscar-nominated Frank Langella. Honestly, we were quite intimidated being on camera with such an established actor. At first, he was thrown off by us just on the two standing right next to him, but he was a good sport and played along. Hopefully we can continue to work with more talented actors and create funnier videos.

Q: As an independent filmmaker—well, I guess a filmmaker in general—you have a lot of irons in the fire. Is there any news you're ready to share with us about your upcoming projects?

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What is your most unique and unforgettable romantic relationship?

Moy Ortiz (MO): The question assumes that I had a unique and unforgettable romantic relationship. I will neither confirm nor deny this. I plead the

CHAD Borja

5th amendment!

Chad Borja (CB): My most unique and unforgettable romantic relationship is ongoing. A lot goes on in a relationship for it to last and become stronger.

Tony Moreno (TM): He was blind. It was love at first (foil) deaf the best part was, I did not have to look my best all the time.

Gina Pangalil (GP): I met a Hollywood star and he asked me not to divulge. But we didn't make it to the next stage.

What is the worst thing you did after a breakup?

MO: I spoke ill of the person.

CB: When I was a struggling musician in Cebu, I had a GF who was a model. When she broke up with me, I felt very bad. I went to my mom's house...back then, they had no decent Booting. I didn't care and just slept for hours without even a hang on the floor—actually, the ground.

TM: I was arrested for attempted homicide.

GP: I cut my own hair and it came out uneven. I was 21.

Is Valentine's Day overrated or does it deserve its special observance? Tell us why.

MO: Valentine (especially in the Philippines) can sometimes be overblown and overrated. Whether you are single or in a relationship, it can sometimes give a lot of societal pressure (how it should go, how it should look, how it should feel). Of course, it is also to have some kind of symbolic gesture to commemorate and reinvigorate one's personal commitments.

CB: Just like Christmas, Valentine should not only be observed once a year, but all throughout. For entertainers like me, this is a busy season, so I have never been on a date on that day because I always have a show. I've gotten used to it.

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Negotiation skills

Public negotiation is seen as or than a science. While there are basic principles, negotiation is highly situational and no one formula works the same way for everybody. Instead, negotiation is a skill and, as for success in every facet of life in general, the skill can be learned. So one is born with it, although there are innate talents that help make an effective negotiator.

Interest, interest and interest were interested in negotiating for a great career — love, passion, joy, persuasion, etc. To want all these is not a bad thing at all. Everybody can want them, but sadly only a few effectively mastered the art of negotiating can get them.

Workplace negotiation

Lennie recently lost in my book says, "Diane, when pa lang ang kami ay nagkikita ay gusto ko na ang job — dito ay gusto ko na ang job."

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Doing a good job is one thing. Being recognized for it is another. Just "because you're doing great doesn't mean you'll get promoted. In my book, Life's Big Lies, Be sure, we have 5 big, "Bobbysense speaks the truth" lies that people believe that there are millions of employees doing great, but are never promoted. Bosses are not busy with their own careers to even notice. Others don't deserve to even notice. Other hands are more in deeper performance in that book, I advised working people to "... perform and get noticed. Extend the standards and expectations and ensure that you get noticed by your boss. Be assertive and 'brag' about your performances in a way that you don't sound obnoxious."

Good performance, when noticed, often gets rewarded. If you want to negotiate for rewards, get noticed first as you create value for your employer.

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Basic principle

There are several negotiating principles. Let me discuss just one that helps remove current to negotiate. Negotiate from a position of strength.

Sadly, when employees "negotiate" with employers for better pay, benefits, etc., they always cite their needs. "Nagkasakit ang anak ko, kaya kailangan ko ng dagdag sahod." Or "Mahal ang bilihin ngayon, kaya kailangan ko ng dagdag sahod." Or "Kung hindi ako bibigyan ng dagdag sahod, aalis ako sa kumpanyang ito." Or "Kung hindi ako bibigyan ng dagdag sahod, aalis ako sa kumpanyang ito." Or "Kung hindi ako bibigyan ng dagdag sahod, aalis ako sa kumpanyang ito."

Employers are not busy with their own problems to even notice your needs. Besides, employers are not in the business of meeting employee needs. They are in the business of meeting customer needs. Only when employees can show how their skills can help employers meet customer needs can they negotiate effectively.

Doing a good job is one thing. Being recognized for it is another. Just "because you're doing great doesn't mean you'll get promoted. In my book, Life's Big Lies, Be sure, we have 5 big, "Bobbysense speaks the truth" lies that people believe that there are millions of employees doing great, but are never promoted. Bosses are not busy with their own careers to even notice. Others don't deserve to even notice. Other hands are more in deeper performance. Pero ang mas nakakalungkot, there are many employees — they usually get the raise they want by simply crying. As in, you grow older, crying won't get you much. You can never get a P50 million peso discount on your next vacation purchase by simply crying.

Interest, interest and interest were interested in negotiating for a great career — love, passion, joy, persuasion, etc. To want all these is not a bad thing at all. Everybody can want them, but sadly only a few effectively mastered the art of negotiating can get them.

Ernie O. Cecilia is a Management Consultant, a founding father of the Personnel Management Association of the Philippines (PMAP), adviser / exec. President in 1990. He owns many awards to name the least, Outstanding Speaker in Negotiation Conferences in Asian Institute of Management. He is also a Professor in Graduate School of Business at San Beda College. He is also a Professor in Graduate School of Business at San Beda College.

Once you get a job, you've got to keep it. Every year, job applicants are increasing more in number than the jobs available. To keep your job, you have to negotiate your way into some important jobs that will not be announced or declared vulnerable.

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Employee engagement through innovation

Continued from last Sunday

L-LEARNING MOMENTS

Tita Beth Pineda

LEA: In fact in the United States, many young people leave stable jobs and start things on their own. This is the story of most successful innovators.

Tita: Today the Philippines is a major business process outsourcing center. From IT, finance, human resources, customer service, there is a million people are employed by said companies. Can this industry be considered innovative?

LEA: Definitely, people working in these industries acquire skills that can be put at the service of innovation.

Tita: How do you differentiate creativity from innovation?

LEA: Innovation is taking your creativity into something that creates value in the market. This is innovation.

BUSINESS: It is creativity that defines a value in a market. Something more to add successfully innovation. Innovation is the ability to see connections between seemingly unconnected things. Creativity is an important quality to enable innovation.

Tita: In the case of developing countries like the Philippines, we have to just be followers, if we are not will be innovative in some way?

BUSINESS: Innovation is all about finding a community of users. Creativity is all about finding more. If we are just improve a little bit, we fall behind exponentially. Innovation is an evaluation engine that creates value in connections and products to existing customers who want more. It is all about inspiring and engaging employees and getting their involved in the pursuit of innovation. If you look at companies like Google, Facebook, Apple, Yahoo, Amazon, Microsoft, they have a million people are employed to said companies. Can find

Request for Submission of Applications

The Private Sector Mobilization for Family Health Project - Phase 2 (PRISM2) is seeking applications for grant awards intended for

Expanding Access to FP-MCH Services through Public-Private Partnerships in Professional Midwife Practice

RFA 2012-01-00

PRISM2 is a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under USAID Contract Number: GHH-I-00-07-00008 and implemented by Chemonics International Incorporated.

Grant funding will be provided to successful applications in accordance with the standard USAID policies.

This solicitation is open to profit and non-profit organizations that are legally registered and recognized by Philippine authorities, and compliant with all applicable local and fiscal regulations.

Eligible organizations include service providers groups; cooperatives; educational institutions; foundations and associations; NGOs and private governing organizations that are not fully or partially owned by the Government of the Philippines. Specific eligibility requirements are indicated in the Request for Application (RFA) document.

Applicants interested in getting the full details of this solicitation can request copies of the full RFA document via e-mail at **grants@prism2.ph**. Likewise, the RFA can be downloaded in PDF format from the PRISM2 Project website (http://www.prism2.ph/grants).

The closing date for the submission of applications is: **5:00 p.m., 06 March, 2012.**

Any questions concerning this RFA will be addressed during the Grant Applicants' Conference, tentatively scheduled on February 16, 2012 (Manila), February 21, 2012 (Cebu) and February 23, 2012 (Davao). All the Grant Conferences will be held at the PRISM2 offices in Manila, Cebu and Davao. All inquiries or written questions concerning this RFA must be submitted to: **Ms. Judy Sarosiema**, SVP Grants and Subcontracts Manager at email address: **grants@prism2.ph.**

PROPERTIES FOR FORECLOSURE AUCTION

Our Group of Companies invites everyone to bid at the public auctions for the foreclosure sale of the following properties:

TCT No.	Location	Type	Land Area (Lot Area in Sq.M. / Floor Area in Sq.M.)	Amended Mortgage Debt (Php)	Date and Time of Auction	Place of Auction
110 Titles including: 6 Parcels of Land (Vacant) Pair.	Located within Subdivision Casureña Subdivision, within Brgy. Bagong Bayabas/Kanluran Bypass Rd., Student on the south and at Alejandro Street within Bunsuran Subdivision, some 200 meters north of Maharlika corner Pascual Avenue, 300 meters south of the city of Iriga's municipal cemetery. **Note:** (2 more subdivision Title) with improvements are also available. Please contact (0) (0)@(0) details.	Residential Land	12,000.00 (more or less)	12,000.00	**Feb. 08, 2012 10:00 a.m.**	At the main entrance of the Hall of Justice of Quezon City, Bonifacio Compound, City Hall, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

All properties are to be sold on "As-is, Where-is" basis. Interested bidders are advised to conduct an independent evaluation of the property through title verification and investigation of the physical and legal condition of the property prior to the auction date.

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47 Titles (list of Titles)	City Homeowners Homes (formerly City Homes Homes), Barrio Ugong, Valenzuela City, Philippines	Vacant Residential Lots	6,000 (Total Land Area)	72m	Feb. 22, 2012 10:00 a.m.	Regional Trial Court, Office of the Clerk of Court, Valenzuela City, located at Third Floor, Hall of Justice Building, Paliparan, Dasmariñas, Cavite City

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DOROTHY C. YSMAEL

Died in the grace of our Lord on January 30, 2012 at the age of 104.

Our Beloved Inay has joined the Heavenly Father and we are all forever thankful to be a part of her life.

The family and friends regard the prior notice to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Interment will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Cayapa, Nueva Ecija.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again to receive you myself; that where I am, you may be also." – John 14:3

Carmencita "Chit" G. Soliman

July 16, 1965 – February 2, 2012

Joined our Lord at the age of 46

Her husband, Oscar N. Soliman (†); children, Cay, Ann, Dindo Jr.-Chinny; grandchildren Sophia, Lana and Hope; respectful parents, Angelina Ng-Tan and Manuel Ng; and siblings, Jennifer Ng-Tan, Lourdes Ng-Tan, Ma. Cristina Ng-Tan, Manuel Ng, Jr. and Ma. Teresa Ng-Tan, invite relatives, friends, colleagues and neighbors to the Funeral Mass at Holy Family Parish, Sucat, Parañaque, Interment will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 after the 2:00pm Mass.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4

NORMA MANANSALA ESTRELLA

August 14, 1945 – Feb. 1, 2012

passed away at rest on Creator God Jesus Christ.

Her husband, Eduardo, children Maud, Richard, Judith, Jennifer, Jean & Gaspar; grandchildren, Lia, Mitch, Lito, Marsha, Jerome, Jennelle, Jordan, Kirsh, Miguel, Isabelle, Bell, Ma-Ma, Lourdes, Jean, Jacob, Mary, son-in-law daughter-in-law, brothers & sisters-in-law, cousins, relatives and friends request the prayer readers to pray for her eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at 101-D Ilocos St., Project 3, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 at the Manila Memorial Park in Parañaque after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

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NOTICES OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT (AEP)

Notice is hereby given that the following companies/employers have filed with this Regional Office applications for Alien Employment Permits:

	Name and Address of Company/ Employer	Name and Citizenship of Foreign National	Nature and Date Duration of Position
1.	**UNIVERSAL ELECTRONICS (PHILIPPINES), INC.** LOT 1, Brgy. La Mesa, Calamba City, Laguna	Mr. Yuzo Fujiwara Japanese	General Manager
2.	**EXTRAORDINARY VISION INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, INC.** Brgy. Poblacion, San Pedro, Laguna	Mr. Osman Hasan Hajee Pakistani	Training Director
3.	**D & P ALLIED PHILIPPINES, INC.** Brgy. Sirang, Batangas City	Mr. Tung Wai Lam Korean	Piping Superintendent
4.	**D & P ALLIED PHILIPPINES, INC.** Brgy. Sirang, Batangas City	Mr. Jae Shun Seo Korean	Equipment Manager
5.	**D & P ALLIED PHILIPPINES, INC.** Brgy. Sirang, Batangas City	Mr. Sungki Kim Korean	Utility Superintendent
6.	**D & P ALLIED PHILIPPINES, INC.** Brgy. Sirang, Batangas City	Ms. Yu Jin Chinese	Cost Clerk
7.	**D & P ALLIED PHILIPPINES, INC.** Brgy. Sirang, Batangas City	Mr. Hyungkwon Jo Korean	Piping Superintendent
8.	**D & P ALLIED PHILIPPINES, INC.** Brgy. Sirang, Batangas City	Mr. Nobuhiro Hayashi Kawabegumi Japan	Utility Superintendent
9.	**KOLIN PHILIPPINES METAL CTR., INC.** Brgy. Mangahan, General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite	Mr. Okjoo Kwon Korean	Marketing Manager
10.	**KOLIN PHILIPPINES METAL CTR., INC.** Brgy. Mangahan, General Mariano Alvarez, Cavite	Mr. Moonghoo Kim Korean	Supervisor
11.	**INDRA TECH PHILS., INC.** UPM Bldg. Bldg., Calamba City, Laguna	Mr. Yeongsoo Kim Korean	President

If you have any information relative to the above-mentioned applications please communicate with this Regional Director.

ATTY. ROLANDO S. MARTINEZ DR., CESO III
Regional Director

INVITATION TO BID
for the
Enhancement of Red Light Special and Development of Monograph

Project Title : Support to the National AIDS-STI Prevention and Control Program (NAPCP) in Raising Awareness for HIV Prevention and promotion of VCT services among at risk vulnerable and non-general populations

Components 1: Engagement of **Advertising Firm** for IEC Campaign

1. To assess and evaluate the impact of "Red Light Special"
2. To enhance the "Red Light Special" based on the output drawn from this assessment
3. To produce innovative IEC materials appropriate for young people on the enhanced "Red Light Special"
4. To inform the targeted populations on the enhanced "Red Light Special" at the three Metro Cities (Metro Manila, Metro Cebu and Metro Davao) through print and radio.

Components 2: Development of monograph series of STI HIV AIDS program in the Philippines

1. To develop magazine type monograph series of an STI HIV AIDS program in the Philippines as coordinated by NAPCP.
2. To produce 1,000 copies of the magazine type monograph series.

Duration : March — August 2012

Interested parties may send their bid (budget and timeline) addressed to **Jose Reynel Velasco/Herbert Yap, KISS Society of the Philippines,** 3/F DTK Building, No. 71 St. Teresa St., Brgy. South Triangle, Quezon City 1103 or at gf@kiss.org.ph/gfph@kiss.org.ph on or before **February 13, 2012.** For details you may call 376-2344/416-5096.

NEECO II AREA I

NUEVA ECIJA II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. – AREA I
Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija
Tel/Fax (044) 9-1007/411-3388
Email: neeco2_area1@yahoo.com

THE NUEVA ECIJA II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. AREA I (NEECO II-AREA I) is now eligible bidders to supply the following electrical materials/equipments (Lot#):

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1	Concrete Pole 9m, Class 3 (w/o Fix) Top Diameter = 170mm Bottom Diameter = 345mm minimum Breaking Load = 400kgs. Weight = 740kgs Ground Type	150pcs.
2	Concrete Pole 9m, Class 4 (w/o Fix) Top Diameter = 150mm Bottom Diameter = 345mm minimum Breaking Load = 400kgs. Weight = 740kgs Ground Type	150pcs.
3	Concrete Pole 9m, Class 5 (w/o Fix) Top Diameter = 150mm Bottom Diameter = 345mm minimum Breaking Load = 400kgs. Weight = 740kgs Ground Type	50pcs.
4	Copper Wire 40mm² (PAC)	1,000mtrs.
5	Copper Wire 60mm² (PAC)	1,000mtrs.
6	Power Capacitor, 50KVAR/3-Ph/Nominal voltage 14.4 KVac 60c, double bushing, 200 kV BIL/Internal fuse, 95% min p.f. to 100% w 11% max Inherent reactor	5pcs
7	Power Capacitor, 100KVAR/3-Ph/nominal voltage 14.4 KVac 60c, double bushing, 200 kV BIL/Internal fuse, 95% min p.f. to 100% w 11% max Inherent reactor	5pcs.
8	Power Capacitor, 150KVAR/3-Ph/Nominal voltage 14.4KVac 60c, double bushing/s of weatherhood type, 95kV Impulse level 3% to 11% max Inherent reactor	5pcs.
9	Power Capacitor, 200KVAR/3-Ph/Nominal voltage 14.4KVac 60c, double bushing/s of weatherhood type, 95kV Impulse level 3% to 11% max Inherent reactor	5pcs.
10	Single Pole Disconnector Switch Fl Rec 600A Isolators, 115kV BIL 80kA Momentary and 40kA Young Rated Amp	15pcs.
11	Mounting Bracket for Fuse Cut-out and Arrester (Hot dip Galvanized)	100pcs.
12	Hot Line Clamp (Square Bolted) for Conductor 477 MCM ACSR (Grosbeak) and 4 Bolt 336.4 MCM ACSR (Cardinal)	20pcs.
13	Solid Blade Top Diameter = 127mm Bottom Diameter = 305mm	10pcs.
14	Copper Wire #14 (PAC) (Roll)	20,000 mtrs.
15	Arrester, Expulsion, 9.2KV/10kA, 4 way (Distribution Class)	100pcs.
16	Bolt, Over Run, 20x2"	100pcs.
17	Bolt, Machine, 16x2"	500pcs.
18	Bolt, Machine, 5/8x10"	500pcs.
19	Bolt, Machine, 5/8x12"	500pcs.
20	Bolt, Machine, 5/8x14"	500pcs.
21	Bolting, Carriage with Nut, 16mm	500pcs.
22	Bolting, Machine with Nut, 16mm	500pcs.
23	Bolting, Shoulder Clevis, 20x4.5x254	100pcs.
24	Clamp Line Straight, 336.4 Aluminum Conductor	500pcs.
25	Clamp Line Tee, 4/0 ACSR (Grosbeak) to 4/0 ACSR	500pcs.
26	Connection Split Bolt	500pcs.
27	Lug Lock Washer, 16mm (Bolt Diameter Number)	500pcs.
28	Lightning Arrester, 10kV Distribution Type (Station)	100pcs.
29	Insulator, Pin Type, Porcelain/Glass ANSI Class 55-5	400pcs.
30	Insulator, Suspension 5 3/4", Clevis Type	400pcs.
31	Insulator, Spool, 3 3/8" ANSI Class 53-2	500pcs.
32	Insulator, Spool, 4" ANSI Class 53-3	500pcs.
33	Insulator Support, 12.5 kV, 1 Groove (High Strength)	1,000pcs.
34	Wire, Guy, Steel, Coat, 3/8, 7 Strand (High Strength)	5,000m
35	Conductor Single Wire #4 AWG	As necessary
36	Conductor, Bare, ACSR/GZ #1 AWG (7)	7,000 mtrs.
37	Anchor Shaft Customize Trapezoidal Type (Semi) Length = 14' Bottom = 12"x12" Top = 8"x8" Weight = 1,100kgs	60pcs.
38	10 KVA Transformer	5 units
39	25 KVA Transformer Pole Type, Conventional Primary Voltage = 13800V/Delta Secondary Voltage = 120/240V/Delta Impedance = 4.5% at Nominal Capacities	4 units
40	37.5 KVA Transformer	3 units

Newly interested bidders must pay a registration fee of P2,000.00. The Pre-bid Conference will be held on February 09, 2012@ 2:00p.m. at the main office of NEECO II-Area I, Brgy. Cabaritan, Talavera, Nueva Ecija.

The Bidders must submit their **sealed bids in duplicate copies** to the **BAC Chairman during the Bid Opening**, to be held on February 10, 2012 at 2:00p.m. in the main office.

All proposals must include items of payment, bid validity, and delivery schedule. The public bid opening, unsealed bids will be on the same day at 2:30 p.m. in the presence of the Bidders/representatives.

Further, a five percent (5%) cashier's/manager's check (CBC's) is mandatory required, which is to be issued and made payable to NEECO II-Area I.

The NEECO II-Area I reserves the rights to reject any or all bids, waive any formality or technicality thereto, accept any bid which is most advantageous to NEECO II-Area I, and to annul the bidding process and not award the contract at any time prior to contract award without incurring any liability to any bidder or bidders.

Further, NEECO II-Area I assumes no obligation to compensate any bidder in order for such bid or proposal incurred in the preparation of the bid or participation in the bidding process.

NEECO II-AREA I Bids and Awards Committee for the Procurement of the Above Public "G" Infrastructure Projects (BAC-GOP/PROJECT-NAME for complete details)

NEECO II-Area I Sangguniang Kabataan Federation of Nueva Ecija Provincial Chapter (Pres. Jun Jun Ramos for complete details)

Engr. **RENE WILLIAMS CAMARES**
BAC Chairman

Engr. **EDILBERTO CASTRO**
General Manager

The 5th Element : NCO Mezza Site Launch

THE 5TH ELEMENT, THE GRAND launch of NCO's 5th site in the Philippines was held at the SM Mezza Residences in Quezon City last January 17, 2012. The event was marked with a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Vice Mayor of Quezon City, Ms. Joy Belmonte who was accompanied by CEO and President, Mr. Ron Hellenkamper and COO and EVP, Mr. Jack Jones. Top executives from the company's headquarters in Horsham Pennsylvania and colleagues from the BPO industry, business, government, and media centers comprised the impressive guest list. In a press conference held at the affair, Mr. Ronald Hellenkamper cited the Filipino's exceptional quality and quantity of work as the main reasons behind NCO's continued expansion in the Philippines. He also officially announced the merger in progress between NCO and AVNC Customer Services, and added that this union will be the force to reckon with in the industry this 2012.

NCO LAUNCHES 5TH SITE IN THE PHILIPPINES
(From left to right) Mr. Ronald Hellenkamper, CEO & president, Ms. Joy Belmonte, QC Vice Mayor and Mr. Jack Jones, EVP & COO.

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NCO operates a network of over 100 operations centers in 11 countries worldwide. In 2000, NCO launched its first site in the Philippines in Quezon City.

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LOCATION MAP

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The UN Refugee Agency

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Manila, Philippines

Vacancy Announcement No. 01 FY2013
Internal/External

Position Title: PROTECTION ASSISTANT	Position Level: GS-5	Date Opened: 31 JANUARY 2013
Duration/No. VERT/2013	Organizational Unit: Regional Office (Philippines)	Closing Date: 14 February 2013
	Duty Station: Manila	Estimated Starting Date: 1 March/As Soon As Possible

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4. Maintain liaison with local and other officials concerned with protection issues including those in the judicial systems;
5. Assist in composing memos and providing assistance in presence of persons;
6. Compile and maintain data and statistics on persons of concern;
7. Assist in the preparation of reports and relevant outputs on issues related to protection, refugee problems and related displacement;
8. Facilitate and provide support in mapping initiatives on persons of concern and security incidents; and
9. Perform other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:

Education: Post-secondary certificate/training in International Law, Political Science or related field

Job Experience: Minimum 2 years of technical job experience relevant to the function

Language: Fluency in English and working knowledge of another relevant UN language or local language (Tagalog)

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS AND COMPETENCIES:

- Good drafting and technical research writing skills;
- Excellent knowledge of Philippine Law as relevant to human rights and asylum protection issues;
- Demonstrate ability and adaptability to effectively work in emergency and/or complex operations within a multicultural environment in a multicultural and multiethnic society;
- Proven interpersonal, interpersonal and negotiating skills provided. Besides, patient and calm approach and to challenge both in words and actions. Proven ability to analyze, negotiations are necessary. Cultural sensitivity mandatory;
- Good knowledge of UNHCR's protection mandate;
- Very good analytical and conceptual abilities.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS:

- Computer skills with knowledge of the computer packages and Word/Excel/Power point is a plus;
- Experience in outreach/ community work is strongly desirable.

ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE: DETAILED RESUME AND POSITION NUMBER. AS IT IS UNHCR'S IN ADDITION TOGETHER WITH AN APPLICATION LETTER OF INTEREST.

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Application Due
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Mr./Ms. (S) Supervisor/Post, 9th upper floor, Legaspi Village, Makati City
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- Diplomatic Missions
- Intergovernmental organizations
- Other relevant organizations
- Universities

NOTICE OF VACANCIES
In compliance with R.A.7641
As of January 2013

The Bureau of Plant Industry Manila wishes to announce the following vacancies:

(1) **"Supervising Meat Control Officer - 03 (Item #MCO3)**
Place of Assignment – various regions
Education – Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; Experience-5 yrs of exp. in veterinary science and public health including meat inspection with supervisory experience; Training – 40 hrs of relevant training; Eligibility – RA 1080 (Veterinarian)

(2) **"Senior Meat Control Officer - 02 15 (Code – SMCO)**
Place of Assignment – various regions
Education – Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; Experience-3 yrs of exp. in veterinary science and public health including meat inspection with supervisory experience; Training – 40 hrs of relevant training; Eligibility – RA 1080 (Veterinarian)

(3) **Meat Control Officer - 02 15 (Code – MCO2)**
Place of Assignment – various regions
Education – Doctor of Veterinary Medicine; Experience-1 yr of relevant experience; Training – 4 hrs of relevant training; Eligibility – RA 1080 (Veterinarian)

(1) **Administrative Officer IV (Public Relations Officer III) - 05 15 (Code – PRO3)**
Place of Assignment – Office of the Executive Director
Education – Bachelor's degree; 5 years relevant experience; Training – 4 hrs of relevant training; Eligibility – Career Service (Professional); Assessment (oral) Agency

(1) **Administrative Officer II (Records Officer III) - 03 15 (Code – RO3)**
Place of Assignment – Central Office
Education – Bachelor's degree; 3 years relevant experience; Training – 8 hrs of relevant training; Eligibility – Career Service (Professional); Assessment (oral) Agency

(10) **Meat Inspector III - 02 15 (Code –MI3)**
Place of Assignment – various regions
Education – Completion of two years studies in college; Experience-1 yr of relevant experience; Training – 4 hrs of relevant training; Eligibility – Career Service (Subprofessional) for Level Eligibility

(1) **Administrative Assistant (Secretary III) - 03 15 (Code – Sec3)**
Place of Assignment – Office of the Executive Director
Education – Completion of two years studies in college; Experience-1 yr of relevant experience; Training – 4 hrs of relevant training; Eligibility – Career Service (Subprofessional) for Level Eligibility

Interested persons are requested to visit http://www.bpi.da.gov.ph for more information on the details of the vacant positions and its qualification here. Photocopy of the following documents are to be submitted together with the application letter: 1) Transcript of records, 2) Diploma, 3) certificate of eligibility

Application form and documentary requirements must be mailed to **PERSONNEL DIVISION, NATIONAL MEAT INSPECTION SERVICE, BAI COMPOUND, VISAYAS AVE., DILIMAN (CENTER CITY HALL** along **Reference Code**. All applications must be received on or before **FEBRUARY 15, 2013**. Qualified applicants to the next degree if the selection process the selection process shall not notified to mailed shall.

"CSC Resolution No. 040940 dated August 23, 2004

Lutheran World Relief

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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- Proficiency using Word, Excel, PowerPoint, e-mail and web browser software;
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- Excellent progressive experience in managing, managing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating relief and early recovery projects;
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- International assets in managing and conducting training;
- Excellent relationship with NGOs and government;
- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field;
- Supervisory experience;
- Has worked in Mindanao-conflict areas internationally and in the Philippines;
- International assets to work effectively with local government;
- Capability working with local-based NGOs and community organizations;
- Ability to travel at least 50% of the time.

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